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## GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am finally beginning to settle into the job of ASN President. I continue to be impressed by the skills and the passion of our ASN staff—and the amount things we have going. In fact, there are many more things to share than can be covered in the space I have for this column. I will touch on some of the highlights of the last month.

- ASN provided recommendations for nominations to several federal panels, including the Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee and the FDA Food Advisory Committee. We hear that the members of the Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee are due out any day and we are hopeful that many of the people we recommended will get selected.
- I challenged the Public Information Committee to develop a way to respond quickly to time sensitive nutritional issues that arise in the media. They have established a Quick Response Team to do this. The members of the first ASN Quick Response Team are Sue Borra, Roger Clemens, Shelley McGuire and Rob Russell. These individuals will be tasked with responding quickly to issues for which there is an opportunity for ASN to provide expert input. This might be in the form of a press release, providing one of our expert spokespersons or providing context for an issue. This team will further help establish ASN as “the go to” organization in nutritional sciences. Please let us know if you become aware of relevant, time-sensitive issues.
- We have circulated the [Nutrition Success and State of the Science Stories](#) that demonstrate how nutritional science has contributed to improving human health. This project was an initiative of our past-president Joanne Lupton. We have had a great deal of feedback on these (almost all positive) and we hope to develop others in the future.
- The ASN Committees are complete for next year and we have some exceptional people on these committees. My sincere thanks go to those who are completing their terms as committee members. I look forward to working with the new members.
- Please note that there are travel grants available for the International Congress of Nutrition in Bangkok, Thailand in 2009. Information is available on the ASN website.
- We are working on the Presidential Lectures for EB2009. We hope to have at least one symposium with nationally prominent policy makers to discuss health care. Stay tuned for more information.
- Under Karen King’s leadership, ASN has selected a single vendor, Dartmouth Journal Services (DJS), to provide copyediting, composition, printing, and other ancillary services for both society journals, beginning with issues published in 2009. This will be a great advantage for ASN both financially and in increasing efficiency.
- I want to put in a personal plea to spread the word about ASN. Look around your university or your company to see who is not an ASN member who should be. I am personally going to send an email to all of my colleagues at my university who work in the nutrition field and ask that they consider joining ASN if they are not already a member – consider doing the same.



## WEBSITE UPDATE

### The Graduate Program Directory

Looking for a specific nutrition program in the U.S., Canada or Mexico? You need look no further than the [Graduate Program Directory](#) page under “Education and Professional Development.” All programs listed here have been verified by the Society as accredited programs.

### The Nutrition News Feed

Ever wanted to be able to go to one site to see all the day’s headlines that relate to nutrition and nutrition research? ASN’s [Latest News](#) page provides a one-stop shop to see all the latest headlines on nutrition topics. This page is updated **daily** Monday through Friday. Also be sure to check out the adjoining pages— [ASN in the News](#) and [Members in the News](#) to see a sampling of articles in which the Society, its Journals, and its members have been featured.

The ASN News Roundup, an e-mail sent to all members, is a new offering from the Society that provides a summary of the week’s most pertinent nutrition research news. The news roundup includes links to stories where ASN spokespeople are quoted along with journal articles mentioned in the media.



## PUBLIC POLICY NEWS

Congress has adjourned for the August recess, leaving many appropriations bills incomplete, as well as food safety-related proposals on the table. The Federal Trade Commission released a long-awaited report on food marketing to children. Also, opportunities for grant funding abound at NIH and NASA. Read the entire [Public Policy Update](#).

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

A prestigious NIH K99/R00 Pathway to Independence Award has been awarded to **Lars Bode**, PhD, of Burnham Institute for Medical Research, Sanford Children's Health Research Center. He will use the award to study how mother’s milk protects infants from necrotizing enterocolitis.

**Hedley Freake**, PhD, Professor of Nutritional Sciences and Molecular and Cell Biology, University of Connecticut, has been elected to chair the Senate Executive Committee for the 2008-09 academic year.

Student member **Nicholas Lee Hines** has been awarded the Lyman T. Johnson Academic Year Fellowship from the Graduate School at the University of Kentucky.

The following textbooks were recently coauthored by **Douglas Kalman**, PhD, RD: *Nutritional Supplements in Sports and Exercise*; *Essentials of Sports Nutrition and Supplements*.

**Gilbert Leveille**, PhD, has been selected as the 2008 recipient of the prestigious Institute of Food Technologists’ Nicholas Appert Award, one of the highest honors in food science and technology.

ASN Past President **Joanne R. Lupton**, PhD, has been named Distinguished Professor at Texas A&M. This designation denotes a faculty member who is recognized as being in the top 5% of their field by peers throughout the world.

**Judi Morrill**, PhD, has written the 3rd edition of *Realities of Nutrition*, an introduction to nutrition.

This fall **Morton Satin** will publish the new second edition of *Food Alert!* from Checkmark Books.

*Have you received an award from your institution or other membership organization? Have you been quoted in the media or published a book? ASN is proud of its members and wants to know about such accomplishments. Send the information to Suzanne Price at [sprice@nutrition.org](mailto:sprice@nutrition.org) to be featured in an upcoming newsletter.*

## STUDENTS

Support the Student Interest Group and its activities by purchasing a 2008 T-shirt. The order form is posted here: [www.nutrition.org/our-members/students/](http://www.nutrition.org/our-members/students/).

## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

ASN, with support through the International Nutrition Council (INC), is working to enhance its participation in, and contributions to, global science and policy. In order to strengthen our platform for a number of forthcoming initiatives, we have ambitious plans to expand our international membership, with an initial target of a 30% increase in the coming year. As an incentive and to thank you for your efforts, **ASN will pay your membership dues for 2009** if you recruit at least five new members. To learn more about the INC and how to join, please read the [brochure](#).

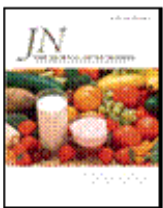
## UPCOMING MEETINGS

**August 11-13.** National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) [Data Users Conference](#). Washington, DC.

**October 2-5.** Visit the ASN Booth at the [American College of Nutrition \(ACN\) 49th Annual Meeting: "Advances in Clinical Nutrition."](#) Arlington, VA.

**October 25-28.** Visit ASN's Booth at ADA's Food and Nutrition Conference & Expo. Chicago, IL.

**Nov 5-8.** [Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students](#). Orlando, FL.



## JOURNAL HIGHLIGHTS

Selected highlights from this month's issues of *The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition* and *The Journal of Nutrition* include the following:

### The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition

[Bread cofortified with folic acid and vitamin B-12 improves the folate and vitamin B-12 status of healthy older people: a randomized controlled trial](#)

[Are we ready for mandatory fortification with vitamin B-12?](#)

Blood pressure and interactions between the angiotensin polymorphism AGT M235T and sodium intake: a cross-sectional population study

Genes versus environment in blood pressure control—salt intake again shows its importance

Soy food consumption does not lower LDL cholesterol in either equol or nonequol producers

Does initial breastfeeding lead to lower blood cholesterol in adult life? A quantitative review of the evidence

### **The Journal of Nutrition**

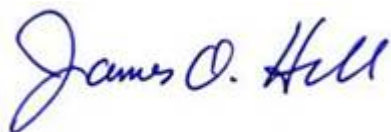
Predominant Breast-Feeding from Birth to Six Months Is Associated with Fewer Gastrointestinal Infections and Increased Risk for Iron Deficiency among Infants

Early Administration of Probiotics Alters Bacterial Colonization and Limits Diet-Induced Gut Dysfunction and Severity of Necrotizing Enterocolitis in Preterm Pigs

Higher Prevalence of Vitamin D Deficiency Is Associated with Immigrant Background among Children and Adolescents in Germany

### **CLOSING**

Finally, in my last column I asked that ASN members contact me with interesting opportunities for ASN and many of you have done so. Some of these are being pursued. Keep those ideas coming!



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