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GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

We are all eagerly awaiting the call for nominations for the 2010 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee and ASN is prepared to play a proactive role in nominating some of our members for this important Committee. Although there has not been an official call for nominees, we would like to assemble dossiers and put them through our internal vetting process now. If you are interested in nominating yourself or someone else please send the name and contact information for the individual and one paragraph on his/her qualifications. We will assemble these suggestions, forward them to the Public Policy Committee and then their recommendations will be submitted to the Executive Board. We are also partnering with other nutrition organizations to co-sponsor nominees, so note other potential society endorsements on the application if applicable. This is our chance to assure that public policy recommendations are based on the science. You can send this information to Mary Lee Watts, Director of Public Policy and Communications at mwatts@nutrition.org or to me at jlupton@tamu.edu.



PUBLIC POLICY NEWS

Congress returns this week from the Thanksgiving recess to face a significant amount of unfinished business, including eleven appropriations bills and the Farm Bill. Continue reading our [public policy update](#) on our website.

NEWS FROM ASN

ASN is excited to announce the unveiling of our redesigned website on January 1, 2008. Besides an updated look and navigation, the website will feature robust public affairs, publications, and professional development sections, along with member log-in for exclusive access, nutrition news headlines updated daily, and an ASN blog. As we move ahead, Councils and RISs will be able to develop their own pages, and new features such as e-commerce, podcasts and webinars will be launched. Be sure to check the new site in 2008 at www.nutrition.org!

MARC Travel Award deadline extended

The FASEB MARC (Minority Access to Research Careers) program is offering funding to promote the entry of under-represented minority scientists into the mainstream of the basic science community and to encourage the participation of young nutrition scientists in the Annual Meeting. Successful applicants will be reimbursed up to \$1,550 in meeting-related travel expenses plus the advance registration fee. The ASN Minority Affairs Committee will select the recipients based on need and the scientific abstracts. Awardees will be recognized and presented with this award during the ASN Awards Presentation in San Diego at Experimental Biology 2008. The deadline to apply has been extended to **December 21, 2007**. To learn more or to apply, please visit www.nutrition.org/Awards/MARC_appEB08.pdf.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

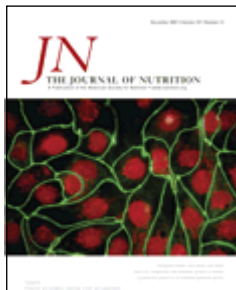
David Allison, PhD, was one of the winners of this year's Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring (PAESMEM). The press release is on line at www.nsf.gov/news/news_summ.jsp?cntn_id=110716&org=NSF&from=news

David S. Ludwig, MD, PhD, recently published a book for families of overweight children titled *Ending the Food Fight: Guide Your Child to a Healthy Weight in a Fast Food/Fake Food World* (Houghton Mifflin, 2007). Dr. Ludwig has also been chosen as first incumbent of a newly endowed chair in pediatric endocrinology at Children's Hospital Boston called The John Crigler, Jr & Mary Crigler Chair in Pediatric Endocrinology.

The third edition of *Research: Successful Approaches* by **Elaine R. Monsen, PhD**, will be released in 2008 by the American Dietetic Association.

A Spanish-language book edited by **Jaime Rozowski, PhD**, and Sylvia Cruchet is now available. The title is *Obesidad: Un Enfoque Integral (Obesity: A Comprehensive View)*. The book features dietary and pharmacological treatment of obesity, genetics, pregnancy, metabolic syndrome, and other relevant aspects of this disease.

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 Suzanne Price at sprice@nutrition.org to be featured in an upcoming newsletter.



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

Is Vitamin D Supplementation Important for African American Women?

[Summary and link to article 1](#)

The Debate Continues: Is Your Sweet Tooth Due to Nature or Nurture?

[Summary and link to article 2](#)

Carnitine Supplementation, Cognitive Function and Fatigue in the Elderly.

[Summary and link to article 3](#)

The Calcium Conundrum—Do Calcium Supplements Influence Hip Fractures?

[Summary and link to article 4](#)

Editorial: Calcium and Fracture Risk. [Link to article 5](#)

The Journal of Nutrition

Body size, body composition and metabolic profile explain higher energy expenditure in overweight children. [Summary and link to article 1](#)

Mild depletion of dietary folate combined with other B-vitamins alters multiple components of the Wnt pathway in the mouse colon. [Summary and link to article 2](#)

Weight-loss, but not fish oil consumption, improves fasting and postprandial serum lipids, markers for endothelial function, and inflammatory signatures in moderately obese men. [Summary and link to article 3](#)

ASN ANNUAL MEETING AT EB 2008

The EB early registration deadline is Wednesday, February 6, 2008, which is also the deadline for late-breaking abstracts, which will be accepted beginning the week of December 10, 2007. These abstracts will be accepted for poster presentations only and will be scheduled on Wednesday, April 9, 2008. Late-breaking abstracts will be published online.

UPCOMING MEETINGS / PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

December 6-7, 2007 ASN is co-sponsoring the American Society for Bone and Mineral Research (ASBMR) Meeting on "Targeting Bone Remodeling for the Treatment of Osteoporosis." ASN is pleased to partner with ASBMR to program this meeting at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, DC. The summit will explore evolving approaches and innovations that target bone remodeling and show promise for improving the treatment of osteoporosis. For more information, visit www.asbmr.org/other/index.cfm.

February 8-9, 2008 ASN is collaborating with the American Dietetic Association (ADA), American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition (ASPEN) and The Obesity Society to program an Intersociety Research Workshop on "Nutrition and Inflammation: Research Makes the Connection." The summit, which has received partial funding from the National Institutes of Health, is chaired by ASN members Ronenn Roubenoff and Gordon Jensen. The workshop will be held in Chicago, IL; information regarding registration and further details will be posted on the ASN website.

March 11-15, 2008 ASN is co-sponsoring the American Heart Association (AHA) Council on Epidemiology and Prevention and AHA Council on Nutrition, Physical Activity and Metabolism [Dual Conference](#) in Colorado Springs, CO.

See a [complete listing of meetings](#) on the ASN website.

OTHER NUTRITION NEWS

NIH Seeks Bold, Innovative Research Proposals for Director's Pioneer and New Innovator Awards

NIH is calling for applications for 2008 NIH Director's Pioneer Awards and New Innovator Awards. Both programs are part of the NIH Roadmap for Medical Research and support exceptionally creative scientists who take highly innovative approaches to major challenges in biomedical or behavioral research.

Pioneer Awards provide \$2.5 million in direct costs over 5 years and are open to scientists at any career stage. New Innovator Awards provide \$1.5 million in direct costs over the same period and are for new investigators who have not received an NIH regular research (R01) or similar grant. NIH expects to make 5 to 10 Pioneer Awards and up to 24 New Innovator Awards in September 2008.

To continue its strong record of diversity in these programs, NIH especially encourages women and members of groups that are underrepresented in NIH research areas to apply. The Pioneer Award application period is from December 16, 2007 to January 16, 2008. See <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RM-08-013.html> for application instructions and <http://nihroadmap.nih.gov/pioneer> for more information. Send questions to pioneer@nih.gov. Submit New Innovator Award applications between March 3 and 31, 2008. Application instructions are at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RM-08-014.html> and additional information is at http://grants.nih.gov/grants/new_investigators/innovator_award. Send questions to newinnovator@nih.gov.

Wishing you all a joyous, healthy and nutritionally replete holiday,

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