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GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

This month, ASN will hold another strategic planning meeting. The purpose of the strategic planning is to incorporate suggestions from the committee chairs into the draft strategic plan and make sure that committee goals and activities are in line with the strategic plan. Once the committee contributions have been incorporated into the overall goals they will be presented to the members.

ASN ANNUAL MEETING AT EB 2008

The EB **early registration** deadline was **Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2008**. Take advantage of your ASN-member discount and register now!

The deadline for **late-breaking abstracts** was also February 6. Late-breaking abstracts will be accepted for poster presentations only and will be scheduled on Wednesday, April 9, 2008. Late-breaking abstracts will be published online.

The **hotel reservations** deadline is rapidly approaching – Monday, March 3, 2008. Make your hotel and travel plans now, and don't miss a minute of this year's **scientific program**. Highlights include ASN's keynote lectures: the Presidential Symposium, the E.V. McCollum International Lecture, and the W.O. Atwater Memorial Lecture.

The 2008 *Presidential Symposium*, "Leptin: Weight Management and Beyond," is sponsored by the Danone Institute International. Delivering this keynote is Jeffrey Friedman, M.D., Ph.D. Rockefeller University Professor, Howard Hughes Medical Institute Investigator and Director of the Starr Center for Human Genetics. The *E. V. McCollum International Lecture* is titled "The World is Fat: Understanding the Patterns of the Nutrition Transition." This year's lecturer is Barry M. Popkin, Ph.D., Professor of Nutrition at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and Director of the UNC-CH Interdisciplinary Center for Obesity. The 2008 *W. O. Atwater Memorial Lecture* will be delivered by Robert P. Heaney, M.D. and will address "Nutrients and the Problem of Proof." Dr. Heaney is a Professor of Medicine at Creighton University and an internationally recognized expert in the field of bone biology and calcium nutrition.

An exciting public policy session is planned for Saturday, April 5 at 10:30 am, sponsored jointly by the Nutritional Sciences Council and the ASN Public Policy Committee. "Nutrition Research in the 21st Century" will feature Dr. Elizabeth Wilder, Acting Associate Director of the NIH Office of Portfolio Analysis and Strategic Initiatives (OPASI) and Acting Director of its Strategic Coordination in the Office of the NIH Director who will be discussing how nutrition fits into the NIH Roadmap. Also attending will be the Honorable John Edward Porter, former congressman and

Chair of Research America who will discuss how **we** as nutritional researchers can advocate effectively for more funding for nutrition research. Funding for nutrition research is a primary interest for our council and ASN members and this symposium promises to be informative and lively.



PUBLIC POLICY NEWS

The Second Session of the 110th Congress is in full swing, and President Bush delivered his final State of the Union address on Jan. 28. Discussions in the nation's Capital are focused on an economic stimulus package and the Administration's FY 2009 budget proposal. Read more [here](#).

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Professor Emeritus at University of Connecticut Health Center **Felix Bronner, PhD**, and Mary Farach-Carson have published a book series called *Topics in Bone Biology*. The first three volumes are Bone Formation, Bone Resorption, Engineering of Functional Skeletal Tissues. The fourth volume, *Bone and Osteoarthritis*, has just been published.

Student member **Geetanjali Kaushik** stood first among 221 posters from 72 countries in the International Conference "Utilization of Diversity in Land Use systems: Sustainable and organic approaches to meet human needs."

Paul Milbury, PhD, and Alice Richer, RD, have published *Understanding the Antioxidant Controversy: Scrutinizing the 'Fountain of Youth'*. Milbury is assistant professor at The Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy, Tufts University.

Lilian U. Thompson, PhD, and **Wendy E. Ward, PhD**, University of Toronto Department of Nutritional Sciences, co-edited a book titled *Optimizing Women's Health through Nutrition*, which describes recent studies on the biological and physiological differences between genders and how this may influence differences in disease trends between men and women.

Have you received an award from your institution or other membership organization? Have you 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

Evidence for a strong genetic influence on childhood adiposity despite the force of the obesogenic environment

Obesity—still highly heritable after all these years (editorial)

Dietary choline and betaine intakes in relation to concentrations of inflammatory markers in healthy adults: the ATTICA study

Is there a new component of the Mediterranean diet that reduces inflammation? (editorial)

Low-carbohydrate-diet score and risk of type 2 diabetes in women

Sleep duration, general and abdominal obesity, and weight change among the older adult population of Spain

The Journal of Nutrition

Milk Calcium Content and Bone Mass Are Related to Genetic Variation in Breastfeeding Teens

Consumption of Green Tea Extract Decreases Weight Gain and Fatty Liver in Obese Mice

Food Insecurity Does Not Predispose Low-Income Children to Being Overweight

UPCOMING MEETINGS / PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

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.

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

DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS PRACTICUM SCHEDULED AT NIH

The Office of Dietary Supplements (ODS) at NIH will conduct a 5-day intensive practicum titled *Current Issues and Recent Developments in Dietary Supplement Research* June 9-13 at the Natcher Building on the NIH main campus in Bethesda, MD. We would like to invite one faculty member and/or one doctoral student or postdoc/fellow from your program to apply to attend. Registration is limited to 75, and applications are due by March 31. To apply, mail or fax the following information: 1) the name(s) and full contact information for each registrant; 2) a curriculum vitae or resume; 3) a one-page letter outlining why this practicum might be important to you in your career development and/or teaching activities; and 4) a one-page letter of support from the relevant professor (if a student) or department chair or dean (if a faculty member). Further information about the practicum will be available in late February on the ODS website at <http://dietary-supplements.info.nih.gov>. Dr. Mary Frances Picciano, ODS Senior Nutrition Research Scientist piccianm@od.nih.gov and Dr. Paul R. Thomas, Scientific Consultant thomas paul@od.nih.gov are the practicum organizers.

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ASN's CAREERS WEBPAGE

Visit ASN's [Careers webpage](#) and check out the great job opportunities listed by over 25 employers looking specifically for people trained in the field of nutrition! New jobs come in almost daily, so check back often. If there is an opening in your organization fit for an ASN member, advertise on the ASN website and quickly reach your target audience.

SUBMIT PROPOSALS FOR 2009 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

ASN members are encouraged to submit proposals for professional development programs to be held as independent conference meetings during 2009 outside of the annual scientific session's timeframe (April 18-22, 2009) or as satellite meetings prior to or after EB or other meetings. These professional development programs are designed for scientific communication and exchange on cutting edge nutrition research and practice in a format entirely different from the annual ASN meeting. ASN's Graduate and Professional Education Committee (GPEC) will review the submitted proposals. The deadline for submissions is June 30. Please click [here](#) for more information.

MEMBER SURVEY

Members are invited to take a [comprehensive survey](#) from the GPEC on how to improve ASN's graduate and professional education offerings to meet the needs of our members.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Are you interested in becoming more involved in your Society? Then please consider nominating yourself or a colleague for one or more ASN committee positions to take effect June 1, 2008.

What is your specialty (other than nutrition)? We need volunteers to fill committee positions in the areas of Finance and Audit, Graduate and Professional Education, Professional Nutrition Education, Continuing Medical Education, Long Range Planning, Membership, Minority Affairs, Public Information, Public Policy, Publications Management, and Sustaining Members. This is a great opportunity to take on a more active role in ASN. We value your interest and leadership in our Society. Please send your suggestions by April 21 to sec@nutrition.org or call (301) 634-7050.

During American Heart Month, we are reminded to keep our New Year's resolutions and maintain a healthy and active lifestyle. I hope you have an extra nutritious month!

Best regards,

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