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GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we are officially in the summer months now, things are really heating up and taking off with ASN. One of my four actionable goals, i.e. **help to develop a policy for company/nutrition scientist collaborations that minimizes both actual and perceived bias** will see some action this month. We are partnering both with FASEB and with ILSI on this critical issue. FASEB has organized a *Call to Action* meeting in Washington, on July 17 at the National Academies to address managing financial relationships between academia and industry in biomedical research. Both John Courtney and I will attend. ILSI sees this is a high priority and several members of ASN, including myself, are on one or both of two committees that will address drafting of a manifesto that will be the standard for academia/industry collaborations and developing a research study that will investigate real or perceived bias in such collaborations. I'll report back on the status of this activity in the next newsletter.

In the meantime, please visit the ASN website to view, free of charge, two lectures from EB 2007, [the W. O. Atwater Lecture by Dr. Barbara Rolls](#), "High Satiety: Eating Less in an Obesigenic Environment" and the [E.V. McCollum International Lecture by Dr. Jean-Pierre Habicht](#), "Synergisms and Antagonisms: How Does Malnutrition Kill? A Personal Quest."

Whether you were able to attend the lectures or not, whether you wish to share the information with other colleagues or your students, you can now experience the highlights of EB all over again at your convenience! And that's not all! Soon ASN will post the Presidential Symposium, the Medical Nutrition Council Symposium and the Education Forum for viewing online.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

ASN Members to receive awards from American Dietetic Association

ASN congratulates its members who are being recognized by the American Dietetic Association this year for outstanding service, leadership achievements and contributions to the profession and practice of dietetics. These awards will be presented at ADA's annual Food and Nutrition Conference & Expo in Philadelphia this fall.

Penny M. Kris-Etherton, PhD, RD, recipient of the Marjorie Hulsizer Copher Award

John A. Milner, PhD, and **Richard J. Deckelbaum, MD**, Honorary Members of ADA

Idamarie Laquatra, PhD, RD; ADA Medallion Award

Carrie P. Earthman, PhD, RD, LD; Excellence in Practice Award for Dietetics Research

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.



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](#) Abdominal obesity and coronary artery calcification in young adults: the Coronary Artery Risk Development in Young Adults (CARDIA) Study. C-D Lee, DR Jacobs Jr, PJ Schreiner, C Iribarren, A Hankinson.

[Article 2](#) Bone mineral density and bone markers in patients with a recent low-energy fracture: effect of 1 y of treatment with calcium and vitamin D. MF Hitz, J-EB Jensen, PC Eskildsen.

[Article 3](#) Independent associations of insulin resistance with high whole-body intermuscular and low leg subcutaneous adipose tissue distribution in obese HIV-infected women. JB Albu, S Kenya, Q He, et al.

[Article 4](#) (Editorial accompanying article 3) Adipose compartmentalization and insulin resistance among obese HIV-infected women: the role of intermuscular adipose tissue. T Joy, SK Grinspoon.

[Article 5](#) Treatment of anorexia nervosa is associated with increases in bone mineral density, and recovery is a biphasic process involving both

nutrition and return of menses. J Dominguez, L Goodman, SS Gupta, et al.

The Journal of Nutrition

[Article 1:](#) Nutrient Ingestion, Protein Intake, and Sex, but Not Age, Affect the Albumin Synthetic Rate in Humans. Anne E. Thalacker-Mercer, Craig A. Johnson, Kevin E. Yarasheski, Nadine S. Carnell and Wayne W. Campbell.

[Article 2:](#) Low Intake of Vitamin B-6 Is Associated with Increased Risk of Colorectal Cancer in Japanese Men. Junko Ishihara, Tetsuya Otani, Manami Inoue, Motoki Iwasaki, Shizuka Sasazuki, and Shoichiro Tugane, for the Japan Public Health Center—based Prospective Study Group.

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PUBLIC POLICY NEWS

Congress will return next week from the Fourth of July recess to resume consideration of FY 2008 appropriations bills, and continue the consideration of the 2007 Farm Bill in both the House and Senate Agriculture Committees. [Read the latest news here.](#)

OTHER NUTRITION NEWS

Professional Development Opportunities

Vitamin D and Health in the 21st Century

The Office of Dietary Supplements at NIH will be hosting a conference, “Vitamin D and Health in the 21st Century: An Update,” September 5-6 in the Masur Auditorium on the NIH campus.

The conference will open with a review of vitamin D production, bioavailability, metabolism, active forms, functions, and metabolic turnover. Vitamin D's effects on health outcomes across the life cycle and measurement of status will also be critically evaluated. Other topics to be addressed include the impact of dietary intakes and sun exposure on blood levels of 25(OH)D and its relationship to vitamin D status. The findings of the AHRQ evidence-based review on vitamin D will also be presented. Attendees will have opportunities to engage in discussions with panels of experts. The information presented and produced by the conference will inform NIH's research agenda.

For more information and to register online, go to:

<http://vitamindandhealth.od.nih.gov>

Development of DRIs, 1994-2004: Lessons Learned and New Challenges

Registration is now open for the Institute of Medicine's workshop on the Dietary Reference Intakes (DRIs), scheduled for September 18-20 in Washington, DC. A number of ASN members will be participating in what promises to be an exciting workshop that will consider lessons learned from the DRI development and will identify issues to be considered in enhancing the approach.

For more information, including the most current meeting agenda, and to register, please go to: www.iom.edu/driworkshop2007.

IFIC Foundation Releases *Food & Health Survey: Consumer Attitudes toward Food, Nutrition & Health*

In late May the International Food Information Council (IFIC) Foundation released the full findings from the second annual IFIC Foundation *Food & Health Survey: Consumer Attitudes toward Food, Nutrition & Health*. As in 2006, the new survey explores consumer attitudes toward calories, weight management, dietary fats, carbohydrates and sugars, and other general health and nutrition topics. Also added this year were questions on foods and beverages for health and wellness benefits, caffeine, meal occasions, and food allergies.

Some of the key findings include:

Americans' perception of their health status has improved, with 39 percent describing themselves as being in "excellent" or "good" health.

Americans' concern with their weight appears to be a very strong factor in influencing a decision to make a dietary change. Seventy-five percent say they are concerned with their weight.

More Americans (66 percent) reported making changes to improve the healthfulness of their diet compared to 57 percent last year.

To view these survey results and more, please go to:

<http://www.ific.org/research/foodandhealthsurvey.cfm>

I hope you enjoyed this issue of the ASN monthly newsletter. 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.

Sincerely,

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