





## WEBSITE UPDATE

It has been six months since ASN launched its new website at [www.nutrition.org](http://www.nutrition.org), and we hope you have found it to be useful and informative, as well as more visually appealing. While always a work in progress, our new website has several new features (including drop-down menus for easier navigating) and available resources to which we would like to bring your attention.

### The Public Affairs Section

With the new website came the [Public Affairs section](#), which is dedicated to the Society's public policy and advocacy work. In this section you will find advocacy [resources](#), issue briefs, advocacy tip sheets and links to congressional resources as well as presentations from Washington, DC, and special sessions held this year at the Annual Meeting.



Under [Federal Advocacy](#), one can see the latest information on ASN's priority issues and learn about coalitions to which ASN belongs. A key component of this section is the [Federal Communications](#) page, where members can access all the latest letters, testimony and regulatory comments submitted by the Society.

Please note that many of these pages, including [our most recent Public Policy Update](#), are designated as "members-only" to ensure that the information remains a benefit of membership in ASN.

### The Jobs/Careers page

One of the most frequently-visited pages on the website is the [Careers/Jobs page](#). For new graduates in search of that first job, or for those looking to make a change, this page is one to bookmark!

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

**Laura A. Coleman, PhD, RD**, has edited a volume entitled "Nutrition and Rheumatic Disease," part of the Nutrition and Health Series. **Carol J. Lammi-Keefe, PhD, RD**, Sarah C. Couch and Elliot H. Philipson co-edited a volume called "Handbook of Nutrition and Pregnancy." This Nutrition and Health series is edited by **Adrienne Bendich, PhD**.

**Mary Ann Johnson, PhD**, ASN spokesperson, has been named the first Bill and June Flatt Professor in Foods and Nutrition in the University of Georgia College of Family and Consumer Sciences.

**Kelly A. Tappenden, PhD, RD**, University of Illinois–Urbana-Champaign, will receive ADA's Dietetic Research Award at the 2008 Food and Nutrition Conference & Expo in October.

*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.*

## 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.

## AWARD GRANT AVAILABLE

As part of its continuous commitment to the community's health and well-being, Grupo Bimbo, the leading baked goods company in the Americas, invites you to participate in the Pan-American Nutrition, Food Science and Technology Award 2008 to promote research and knowledge in these areas, and to improve the quality of processed food and the nutritional standards of the population. Grupo Bimbo will grant an award for each territory, discipline and open category. Register your projects [here](#) by October 31, 2008.



## 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** (AJCN summaries available until July 31)

[Can Eating Patterns Characterize Diet-Associated Disease Risks Better than Any One Food or Nutrient?](#)

[Experts Study Which Flavonoids and Flavonoid-Rich Foods Have Beneficial Effects on Cardiovascular Risk](#)

[Breastfed Infants Found to Have Lower Cobalamin \(Vitamin B-12\) Status than Nonbreastfed Infants](#)

[Exercise May Be Particularly Beneficial in Persons Taking Niacin](#)

### **The Journal of Nutrition**

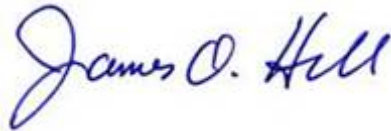
[Optimal Cutoff Values for Overweight: Using Body Mass Index to Predict Incidence of Hypertension in 18- to 65-Year-Old Chinese Adults](#)

Cis-9,trans-11-Conjugated Linoleic Acid Inhibits Allergic Sensitization and Airway Inflammation via a PPAR $\gamma$ -Related Mechanism in Mice

Household food security is associated with infant feeding practices in rural Bangladesh

**CLOSING**

Finally, be creative in looking for opportunities for ASN in your world. As I have said before, ASN is a society that is looking for growth opportunities and for ways to be more relevant to our members, the media, and the general public.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James O. Hill". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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