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## **GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT**

March is Nutrition Month and it's also the time where everyone at ASN is thinking about Experimental Biology. Pay close attention to this month's Nutrition Notes, as it will feature all of the key societal events including the Presidential Symposium titled "Leptin: Weight Management and Beyond" which will be held Sunday, April 6 at 8:00 am in Room 6A of the San Diego Convention Center. Jeffrey Friedman, the discoverer of leptin, is the keynote speaker. It would be wonderful to have the whole group of ASN EB attendees present! On another note, ASN's strategic map advanced to the next stage when we presented it to committee chairs recently at a meeting in Washington. Their very helpful and targeted suggestions for refinement of this "living document" have now been incorporated and there will be further discussions in committee meetings and other sessions at EB.

## **ASN SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS & ANNUAL MEETING AT EB 2008**

Be sure to visit the ASN Booth and the History of Nutrition booth, located at 702, 704, 706 in the Exhibit Hall. Other important Society events at EB include:

The Awards Ceremony, Sunday, 5:30PM – Marriott, Marriott Halls 5 & 6

Reception for the Membership and University Mixer, Sunday, 7:00PM – Marriott, Marina F/G

Society business meeting, Monday, 5:30PM – Marriott, Marriott Halls 1 & 2

A risk communication session is planned Sunday April 6, 3-5 pm, San Diego Convention Center, sponsored by the ASN Public Information Committee and IFIC. "Communicating Nutrition and Food Safety Risks" will provide working knowledge of how to apply core risk communication principles in a practical manner to address current and emerging nutrition and food safety issues. Speakers include Elizabeth Cohen, MPH, CNN medical correspondent and the 2008 winner of ASN's Nutrition Science Media Award, and Christine Bruhn, PhD, Director, Center for Consumer Research at UC–Davis. Part II will consist of a short workshop led by IFIC's Director of Media Relations that will focus on practical approaches to risk communication.



## **PUBLIC POLICY NEWS**

It's all about the money. Tough Farm Bill negotiations continue, while Congress begins crafting the FY 2009 budget resolutions. Also, ASN plans a special public policy session at EB. For the latest in public policy, read our update [here](#).

## **MEMBER SPOTLIGHT**

**Judy A. Driskell**, PhD, and **Ira Wolinsky**, PhD, have recently published a new edition of *Sports*

*Nutrition: Vitamins and Trace Elements*. This is the latest in a series of books in general nutrition and sports nutrition.

**Susan Hewlings**, PhD, RD, and **Denis Medeiros**, PhD, have published *Nutrition: Real People, Real Choices*. This is a new introductory textbook of nutrition for non-majors.

The book *Essentials of Creatine in Sports and Health* was recently released (Humana Press) and co-edited by **Douglas Kalman**, PhD, RD. Kalman also had an invited book review published in the January 2, 2008 edition of *JAMA*.

Student member **Aki Konomi** has been selected as one of five finalists for ASN's Clinical Emerging Leader Award and will present her abstract at the special competition session at EB 2008.

*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](mailto:sprice@nutrition.org) to be featured in an upcoming newsletter.*



## 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

[Cruciferous vegetables, the GSTP1 Ile<sup>105</sup>Val genetic polymorphism, and breast cancer](#)

[Plasma folate, vitamin B-6, vitamin B-12, and risk of breast cancer in women](#)

[Is folic acid good for everyone?](#)

[Early differences in fecal microbiota composition in children may predict overweight](#)

[Study of the effect of \*trans\* fatty acids from ruminants on blood lipids and other risk factors for cardiovascular disease](#)

[Do \*trans\* fatty acids from industrially produced sources and from natural sources have the same effect on cardiovascular disease risk factors in healthy subjects? Results of the \*trans\* Fatty Acids Collaboration \(TRANSFACT\) study](#)

[Ruminant or industrial sources of \*trans\* fatty acids: public health issue or food label skirmish?](#)

### The Journal of Nutrition

[Zinc, gravida, infection, and iron, but not vitamin B-12 or folate status, predict hemoglobin concentration during pregnancy in southern Ethiopia](#)

[Food insecurity is associated with nutrient inadequacies among Canadian adults and adolescents](#)

[Vegetable but not fruit consumption reduces the risk of type 2 diabetes in Chinese women](#)

## UPCOMING MEETINGS / PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

**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.

Oldways convenes top experts for a hard look at one of today's hottest health topics—sweetness, sugars, sugar substitutes, and health—on April 2, 2008 in Washington, DC, at the National Press Club. View the full program [here](#).

The University of Massachusetts-Amherst Department of Food Science and the IFT/ASN/IFIC Food Science-Nutrition Task Force are sponsoring a Symposium titled “Obesity and Health: Modifying Behavior, Modifying Food, or Using Policy to Optimize Both.” The symposium will be held in Amherst on June 4-5. More information can be found [here](#).

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

### **THE ILSI NORTH AMERICA FUTURE LEADER AWARD**

The North American Branch of the International Life Sciences Institute (ILSI N.A.) is soliciting nominations of individuals to be considered to receive its 2009 Future Leader Award. The ILSI NA Future Leader Award, given to promising nutrition and food scientists, allows new investigators the opportunity to add to an existing project or to conduct exploratory research that might not receive funding from other sources or add to an existing project. Consideration will be given to individuals proposing research in the areas of experimental nutrition, nutrition and toxicology, and nutrition and food science. The grants will extend for a period of 2 years at a funding level of \$15,000 per year. Funds may not be used for overhead or to support the investigator's salary. The award recipients will be selected in late 2008, with funding to begin by early 2009. For further information contact [fdeluca@ilsii.org](mailto:fdeluca@ilsii.org) or visit the website <http://www.ilsina.org/awards/>.

### **CONSIDER MENTORING A STUDENT THIS SUMMER**

The FASEB MARC summer program aims to help underrepresented minority students by providing financial support to visit, learn, and participate in new research techniques at prominent research laboratories and institutions during the productive summer “recess” periods. If you are interested in hosting a student in your lab for the summer as part of the FASEB Summer Research Opportunity Program (SROP), please email [fyates@faseb.org](mailto:fyates@faseb.org). All SROP host mentors must be active members of one of the constituent societies of FASEB. SROP provides airfare, ground transportation, lodging/housing and \$1,000 for lab supplies. In addition, the SROP mentor and student will receive FASEB MARC travel awards to a FASEB Society national or regional scientific meeting of their choice.

I hope to see each and every one of you in San Diego. Consider attending our business meeting on Monday, April 7 at 5:30 pm to see what we've done this past year and what we hope to accomplish next year. Look forward to seeing you then.

*Joanne R. Lupton*



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