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## GENERAL NEWS

Following on the heels of an outstanding ASN program at Experimental Biology (EB) in Washington, we bring you the links for catching some of the highlights of the meeting if you were not able to attend, and some important news items.

As my term as President of ASN comes to a close, I am extremely proud of the direction and achievements attained this year in moving ASN into its new “set of clothes”. The depth and breadth of our management base of Executive Officer (John Courtney), and Directors of Publications (Karen King) and Public Policy and Communications (Mary Lee Watts), along with the newly forged synergies between the three Councils for Medical and International Nutrition and Nutritional Sciences, have provided a stable and multidimensional platform from which the membership can work collaboratively to create **the** Society for Nutrition of the 21st century. For details of the status of the new Society with respect to infrastructure, accountability, member value and major projects undertaken, in addition to kudos to those who contributed, I encourage you to review my [President's Report](#) as delivered at the ASN annual meeting and posted on the website.

## OTHER NEWS from EB 2007

Soon you will be able to enjoy some of the key lectures from the EB meeting through by linking to our first ever videocasting of lectures with slides on the ASN website.

Also, a recap of our 2007 Awards ceremony will soon be posted on the website. You will be able to learn about colleagues honored for their exceptional contributions to the science of nutrition at this year's ASN Awards ceremony.

And while you are reviewing all 25 plus awards, begin thinking of deserving colleagues whom you might nominate for the coming year (applications are due September 1<sup>st</sup>!).

The Scientific Programs Committee is holding two program slots open at EB 2008 for late-breaking news or hot topics. Competitive entries will be considered in September for inclusion in the 2008 Symposia program.

Many thanks to ASN members Tom Badger, Margaret Craig-Schmidt, Ann Ferris, Kevin Fritsche, Naomi Fukagawa, Jim Hill, Mary Ann Johnson, Larry Kien, Mark and Shelley McGuire, Kathleen Rasmussen, Connie Weaver, Leah Whigham and Tom Ziegler; who attended meetings with their congressional offices during EB. Thanks to them, ASN made inroads in offices where we had not made connections before and renewed existing relationships.

The National Academy of Sciences has [elected ASN member Pamela Fraker](#) as one of its newest members. She is Professor of food science and human nutrition and

Distinguished Professor of biochemistry at Michigan State University. Congratulations, Dr. Fraker!

**There's never been a better time to join ASN!**

In February, the ASN [membership criteria](#) were revised to be more inclusive of nutrition and medical professionals who perhaps were considered ineligible in the past. Please take a moment to check out the new criteria.

Know of any colleagues who should join ASN? Forward this information to them and encourage them to be a part of the premier society for dedicated to improving the quality of life through the science of nutrition.



**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 May 2007 issue:**

[Article 1](#) "Combining fish-oil supplements with regular aerobic exercise improves body composition and cardiovascular disease risk factors." Hill AM, Buckley JD, Murphy KJ, Howe PRC.

[Article 2](#) "Dietary carbohydrate modification induces alterations in gene expression in abdominal subcutaneous adipose tissue in persons with the metabolic syndrome: the FUNGENUT Study." Kallio P, Kolehmainen M, Laaksonen DE, et al.

[Article 3](#) (editorial) "Putting your genes on a diet: the molecular effects of carbohydrate." Salsberg SL, Ludwig DS.

[Article 4](#) "Reductions in dietary energy density are associated with weight loss in overweight and obese participants in the PREMIER trial." Ledikwe JH, Rolls BJ, Smicklas-Wright H, et al.

[Article 5](#) Yang Q-H, Carter HK, Mulinare J, Berry RJ, Friedman JM, Erickson JD. Race-ethnicity differences in folic acid intake in women of childbearing age in the United States after folic acid fortification: findings from the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, 2001–2002

**The Journal of Nutrition May 2007 issue:**

[Article 1:](#) "Neonatal-Age Treatment with Vitamin A Delays Postweaning Vitamin A Deficiency and Increases the Antibody Response to T-cell Dependent Antigens

in Young Adult Rats Fed a Vitamin A-Deficient Diet.” Sandhya Sankaranarayanan, Yifan Ma, Mary C. Bryson, Nan-qian Li, and A. Catharine Ross.

[Article 2](#): “Vitamin A Supplementation Enhances Infants’ Immune Responses to Hepatitis B Vaccine but Does Not Affect Responses to *Haemophilus influenzae* type b Vaccine.” Sam Newton, Seth Owusu-Agyei, William Ampofo, Charles Zandoh, Martin Adjuik, George Adjei, Samuel Tchum, Suzanne Filteau, Betty R. Kirkwood..

[Article 3](#): “Vitamin B-12 Deficiency Is Prevalent in 35- to 64-Year-Old Chinese Adults.” Ling Hao, Jing Ma, Jianghai Zhu, Meir J. Stampfer, Yihua Tia, Walter C. Willett, and Zhu Li.

### **56 years of *AJCN* and 80 years of *JN* issues are available online**

The complete archives for both journals, beginning with the first issue of *AJCN* published in 1952 and the first issue of *JN* published in 1928, are now available online. Institutions and individuals have access to an extensive collection of over 190,000 article pages and almost 30,000 full text articles. The archive offers convenient and permanent access to a wealth of information on current and historic nutrition research, in a searchable and downloadable PDF format. The archival content adds a combined total of 87 years of published research to the online journal sites.



### **PUBLIC POLICY NEWS**

It seems Washington has spring fever, with a tremendous amount of activity taking place on Capitol Hill and the recent visit from Queen Elizabeth II. In the weeks leading up to the Memorial Day recess, Congress is working to complete the Budget Resolution, start the FY2008 appropriations process and write the 2007 Farm Bill. [Read the latest news here.](#)

Thank you (merci) for the privilege and honor of being the President of this great new Society. My year as President has been professionally enriching and personally extremely rewarding. A key objective of consolidating the former three nutrition societies into ASN was to be “one voice for nutrition”. But the voice needs to have volume and resonance; and this requires that all members are part of the chorus. So as a final word – volunteer to get involved in ASN; there is still much to be accomplished as we continue to build the ASN voice of nutrition not just within North America but globally.

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