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## **GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Fall is finally here and October is a busy month for ASN. By now you should all have received the *call for abstracts and preliminary program* for EB 2008. If you have not already visited the EB 2008 website please go to [www.eb2008.org](http://www.eb2008.org) for program and presentation information, registration, abstract submission and much more. Last year ASN had the highest proportion of members of any of the FASEB Societies present at EB 2007; let's continue this tradition and representation of our Society.

The ASN Public Information Committee is seeking your expertise on nutrition issues that would make noteworthy and effective position papers in 2008. To submit topics please access the ASN website to fill out a [Proposal Form](#). This continues along the lines of one of my four actionable items: *to stress the importance and significance of nutrition research.*

This month the ASN Executive Board will meet at ASN headquarters in Bethesda for two days. This is one of only two face-to-face meetings all year! The Executive Board will then be joined by the Strategic Oversight Committee along with Tim Fallon and Laurie Shulte from TSI Consulting to plan the future direction of ASN over the next three years. During the Strategic Planning Meeting, the group will highlight Society strengths, strategic priorities and objectives for each priority, areas of improvement, critical issues, and a plan for implementation. This is an exciting and important process for ASN.



## **PUBLIC POLICY NEWS**

The Senate is expected to take up the Farm Bill soon. New Executive Officers have been announced for the IOM and for the NIGMS. [Read the latest news on our website.](#)

## **MEMBER SPOTLIGHT**

ASN member **Emmanuelle Meuillet, PhD**, participated in the FASEB [Summer Research Opportunity Program](#).

**Ira Wolinsky, PhD**, and **Judy A. Driskell, PhD**, have co-edited a new book: *Sports Nutrition, Energy Metabolism and Exercise* published by CRC Press.

**Linda Wykes, PhD**, of McGill University received the 2007 Centrum Foundation New Scientist Award, and presented the Award Lecture during the Canadian Nutrition Congress.

**Carine Lenders, MD, MS**, has written a book which was positively reviewed in *JAMA*. The book is titled *A Clinical Guide for Management of Overweight and Obese Children and Adults*.

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 Suzanne Price at [sprice@nutrition.org](mailto: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**

**Article 1:** Dietary nutrient intakes and skin-aging appearance among middle-aged American women. Cosgrove MC, Franco OH, Granger SP, Murray PG, Mayes AE.

**Article 2:** Tea drinking is associated with benefits on bone density in older women. Devine A, Hodgson JM, Dick IM, Prince RL.

**Article 3:** Serum zinc and pneumonia in nursing home elderly. Meydani SN, Barnett JB, Dallal GE, et al.

**Article 4:** Price and maternal obesity influence purchasing of low- and high-energy-dense foods. Epstein LH, Dearing KK, Paluch RA, Roemmich JN, Cho D.

### **The Journal of Nutrition**

**Article 1:** An Inulin-Type Fructan Enhances Calcium Absorption Primarily via an Effect on Colonic Absorption in Humans. Steven A. Abrams, K. M. Hawthorne, Oluseyi Aliu, et al. *J. Nutr.* 137: 2208-2212, 2007.

**Article 2:** Telephone Counseling Helps Maintain Long-Term Adherence to a High-Vegetable Dietary Pattern. John P. Pierce, Vicky A. Newman, Loki Natarajan, et al. *J. Nutr.* 137: 2291-2296, 2007.

**Article 3:** Bioavailable Dietary Iron Is Associated with Hemoglobin Concentration in Mexican Preschool Children. Sonia C. Rodríguez, Christine Hotz, and Juan A. Rivera. *J. Nutr.* 137: 2304-2310, 2007.

## ASN ANNUAL MEETING AT [EB 2008](#)

Reminder: Abstract submission deadline is Wednesday, November 7. The early registration deadline is February 6, 2008.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS / PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

**December 6-7.** American Society for Bone and Mineral Research (ASBMR) Meeting on Targeting Bone Remodeling for the Treatment of Osteoporosis. Washington, DC.

ASN is pleased to partner with ASBMR to co-sponsor this meeting at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, DC. The summit will explore evolving approaches and innovations that target bone remodeling and show promise for improving the treatment of osteoporosis. For more information, visit [www.asbmr.org/other/index.cfm](http://www.asbmr.org/other/index.cfm).

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

## OTHER NUTRITION NEWS

### **ASN members lead IOM Workshop on DRIs, Materials available online**

Nutrition scientists from the U.S and around the world gathered in Washington Sept 18-20 to attend the Institute of Medicine's (IOM) Food and Nutrition Board Workshop, "Development of DRIs 1994-2004: Lessons Learned and New Challenges." Chaired by ASN past-president Dr. John Suttie, the workshop included discussions on ways to improve the process of formulating the DRIs, and the general consensus was to move forward to close the gaps in missing values and refine existing numbers as soon as possible. ASN members serving on the Workshop Planning Committee included Dr. Stephanie Atkinson, Dr. Janet King, Dr. Susan Taylor Mayne, and Dr. Rob Russell.

Other ASN members participated as panelists or presenters, including Dr. Susan Barr, Dr. George Beaton, Dr. Patsy Brannon, Dr. Paul Coates, Dr. Johanna Dwyer, Dr. Cutberto Garza, Dr. Peter Greenwald, Dr. Patricia Guenther, Dr. Jean-Pierre Habicht, Dr. Suzie Harris, Dr. Van Hubbard, Dr. Molly Kretsch, Dr. Mary L'Abbe, Dr. Alice Lichtenstein, Dr. Linda Meyers, Dr. Sanford Miller, Dr. Suzanne Murphy, Dr. Mary Frances Picciano, Dr. Irwin Rosenberg, Dr. Christine Taylor, Dr. Paula Trumbo, Dr. Linda Van Horn, Dr. Catherine Woteki, Dr. Allison Yates and Dr. Elizabeth Yetley.

Background papers and the agenda are available at [www.iom.edu/CMS/3788/42135.aspx](http://www.iom.edu/CMS/3788/42135.aspx). Transcripts of the Workshop proceedings should be posted on the IOM website in approximately six weeks at [www.iom.edu/fnb](http://www.iom.edu/fnb).

### **Health Policy Fellowship seeks applications**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) and AcademyHealth are seeking applications for their 2008 Health Policy Fellowship. The fellowship allows visiting scholars to conduct new and innovative analyses, participate in health policy activities related to the design and content of future NCHS surveys, and offers access to the data resources provided by the CDC. Applicants may be at any stage in their career from doctoral students to senior investigators. The duration of the full-time fellowship is 13-24 months, and salaries are commensurate with qualifications and experience. The application deadline is January 7, 2008. For more information on the fellowship and eligibility criteria, visit [www.academyhealth.org/nchs/](http://www.academyhealth.org/nchs/).

I look forward to future newsletters to share the ASN Strategic Plan and other exciting ASN news. If you have suggestions for future topics please contact me through ASN or directly at [JLupton@tamu.edu](mailto:JLupton@tamu.edu).

Best Regards,

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