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## **GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Things continue to be busy at ASN. We are working off our new strategic map and making progress on many fronts. I keep a copy of our strategic map right beside my desk and I know all of you do as well. Here is a brief update in each major area of the strategic plan.

1. Improving Quality of Nutritional Science – We are actively getting ready for our Annual Scientific Sessions and Meeting at *Experimental Biology* in New Orleans. Remember to register early. This is our major opportunity to showcase the great research being done by ASN members. The deadline has passed for late breaking symposia and we will be working to program these. Keep an eye open for the announcement of this year's series of Presidential Lectures. Also, I am in the process of working with ASN staff to seat the award juries and we are grateful to the award nominating committees for diligence in developing a good 'crop' of new award candidates.

With the approach of the XIX International Congress of Nutrition (ICN) in Thailand from October 4-9, 2009, ASN (in keeping with the spirit of the strategic map and in particular of recruiting and retaining top talent for nutritional sciences) is mounting a travel award program to provide travel opportunities to the ICN for the Society's young investigators.

2. Increasing Funding – Through efforts of our members and staff we now have the opportunity to meet with policy people from both presidential campaigns to discuss the importance of nutritional sciences and why more funding for nutritional sciences research would pay off.
3. Public Impact – Over the past few months we have had the opportunity to recommend people for several important government advisory boards and national committees – including the 2010 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee, the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, the AHRQ Advisory Board, the USDA National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education and Economics Advisory Board, the FDA Food Advisory Committee, as well as IOM panels. We are actively working to promote recognition of our many outstanding members. We also had the opportunity to provide input to CDC regarding the importance of continued funding for NHANES.
4. Publications Strategy. – We have consolidated publishing operations for our journals to achieve new efficiencies in production, to save dollars for ASN and to position ASN to better meet the evolving needs of our members. The journal websites now feature RSS feeds to deliver journal content to readers automatically, as soon as it is published. Additional enhancements are planned for implementation in the near future. We would like to bid farewell to our technical

editors, Carolinda Hales and Brenda Milot. They will be missed and we are sad to lose them, but the wheels of publication continue on.

5. Value to Members –We continue to expand the value to our membership with our excellent publications, website and newsletters, (the newest reporting on advances in the medical nutrition area), our effective public affairs, and our career and professional development resources. The result is that ASN membership continues to grow to the highest numbers ever.
6. Strengthen Organizational Effectiveness and Sustainability – We are continuing our investment in building capacity by recruiting a new Director of Education and Professional Development, expanding our website offerings with new streaming video of selected ASN Scientific Sessions and closely monitoring the financial performance of our society.



### WEBSITE UPDATE

**Lectures from the Annual Meeting at EB now available online**  
Nine lectures and symposia from the [ASN Scientific Sessions and Annual Meeting at Experimental Biology 2008](#), including the Presidential Symposium, have been made available online, free of charge to members. You may view all posted sessions on the [Professional Development](#) page of ASN's website,

[www.nutrition.org](http://www.nutrition.org).

Whether you were able to attend the lectures or not, whether you wish to share the information with other colleagues or incorporate them into your course syllabi, you can now experience the highlights of our 2008 conference all over again at your convenience!

### ASN Blog

That's right—ASN has made the transition to 21<sup>st</sup> century online communications by creating a [blog](#) just for ASN members. This is YOUR space to post on subjects of interest, seek comments from fellow ASN members or simply express your thoughts on a hot topic in the world of nutritional science. So far there has not been a lot of traffic on the blog, but we hope that will change in the near future! ASN Communications Manager Suzanne Price is available to assist you in posting to the blog, or troubleshoot should you have problems adding a comment. She can be reached at [sprice@nutrition.org](mailto:sprice@nutrition.org).



### PUBLIC POLICY NEWS

will return in mid-September.

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

**Carolyn D. Berdanier** and **Janos Zemleni** have published *Advanced Nutrition: Macronutrients, Micronutrients and Metabolism*.

The Federation of Animal Science Societies (FASS) awarded **Donald Palmquist** the FASS New Frontiers in Animal Nutrition Award. Palmquist is an expert on dairy cow nutrition at Ohio State University.

**Juan Pablo Pena-Rosas** was appointed Coordinator of the Reduction of Micronutrient Malnutrition in the Department of Nutrition for Health and Development at World Health Organization in Geneva.

The following paper, published in *Nutrition*, has been awarded the 12th Award for Nutrition and Metabolism of the John M. Kinney Awards: "Interleukin-1 genotype-selective inhibition of inflammatory mediators by a botanical: a nutrigenetics proof of concept." Co-author **R. Keith Randolph** will accept the award on behalf of all the authors. Co-author **Audra J. Davies** is also a member of ASN.

**Richard Semba** of Johns Hopkins University and Martin Bloem have co-edited *Nutrition and Health in Developing Countries, Second Edition*.

The following introductory nutrition textbooks were recently coauthored by **Anne M. Smith**—*Contemporary Nutrition, 7th Edition* and *Contemporary Nutrition: A Functional Approach*.

## UPCOMING MEETING

The national *Healthy Foods, Healthy Moves: Delivering the Childhood Obesity Prevention Message to Schools and Communities* conference will take place on October 2–3, 2008 in Chicago. It will provide participants with strategies, tools, and materials to address the childhood obesity epidemic in their own schools and communities. Also, through workshop tracks on school and community partnerships, social marketing, and youth advocacy, attendees will be able to focus on their own specific areas of interest. For more information and to register online, please visit [www.healthyfoodshealthymoves.org](http://www.healthyfoodshealthymoves.org).



## 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

[Low-protein diet for diabetic nephropathy: a meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials](#)

[Do low-protein diets retard the loss of kidney function in patients with diabetic nephropathy?](#)

Low plasma eicosapentaenoic acid and depressive symptomatology are independent predictors of dementia risk

Long chain n–3 fatty acids and mortality in elderly patients

Effect of fish-oil supplementation on mental well-being in older subjects: a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial

n–3 Fatty acids and health: DaVinci's code

Pre-teen insulin resistance predicts weight gain, impaired fasting glucose, and type 2 diabetes at age 18–19 y: a 10-y prospective study of black and white girls

Prospective study of dietary energy density and weight gain in women

Dietary energy density but not glycemic load is associated with gestation weight gain

Dietary energy density predicts women's weight change over 6 y

### **The Journal of Nutrition**

Resveratrol, at concentrations attainable with moderate wine consumption, stimulates human platelet nitric oxide production

Bioactive dietary polyphenolic compounds reduce nonheme iron transport across human intestinal cell monolayers

Adherence to dietary recommendations for saturated fat, fiber and sodium is low in American Indians and other U.S. adults with diabetes

### **CAREER OPPORTUNITY: Editor-in-Chief for *Nutrition Reviews***

The International Life Sciences Institute (ILSI) is welcoming applications for the position of Editor-in-Chief of *Nutrition Reviews*. *Nutrition Reviews* is highly regarded as an authoritative source of balanced and in-depth coverage of a broad range of topics in the field of human nutrition. A detailed description of the journal and editorial responsibilities can be found at [www.ilsa.org](http://www.ilsa.org). The appointment will begin on January 1, 2009 with an initial term of three years. Questions and applications may be directed electronically to Suzanne Harris, PhD, *Nutrition Reviews* Search Committee, at [sharris@ilsa.org](mailto:sharris@ilsa.org). **The deadline for submissions is September 15, 2008 or until a suitable candidate can be identified.** Nominations are welcome.

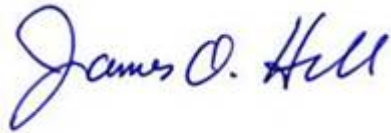
### **Health Policy Fellowship**

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention's National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) and AcademyHealth are seeking applications for their 2009 Health Policy Fellowship. The aim of the fellowship is to foster collaboration between NCHS staff and visiting scholars on a wide range of topics of mutual concern. 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 careers—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 5, 2009. For more information on the fellowship and eligibility criteria, visit [www.academyhealth.org/nchs](http://www.academyhealth.org/nchs).

## **CLOSING**

I want to thank all of you who send me e-mails suggesting ways to make ASN better. Your ideas are heard and your creativity is appreciated. We already have acted on many suggestions. Keep those e-mails coming.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James O. Hill".

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