



American Society for Nutrition
Excellence in Nutrition Research and Practice
www.nutrition.org

September 5, 2007

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

You should be pleased to know that your Society has been hard at work for YOU. As one of my four actionable items for this year, to stress the importance and significance of nutrition research, your hardworking ASN staff and committee members met on two separate occasions last month with the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK). The key focus for the meetings was the development of nutrition research advances and success stories to highlight the importance of federal investment in nutrition research at the Institute, and to provide a powerful platform from which ASN can better advocate in the future. This is part of a larger effort to develop a strategic advocacy plan for nutrition research.

I am excited to announce that the overall topic for the Presidential Symposium at EB 2008 will be *Leptin, the most recent advances*, with Jeffrey Friedman, MD, recipient of the 2007 Danone International Prize for Nutrition as the keynote speaker. Other topics covered at the Presidential Symposium will include *Genetic Basis of Human Obesity*, *Leptin in humans: Separating fact from fiction through translational research*, and *Neural Circuit Activated by Leptin: Therapeutic Implications*. See you on Sunday, April 6, 2008 from 8 am – 10 am. I look forward to sharing more with you as EB approaches. It will be here before you know it!

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

ASN Research Interest Sections (RIS)

Have you checked out the Research Interest Sections lately? Maintaining and facilitating strong ties with other professionals in similar nutrition fields of interest is an integral goal of the Society, which is organized into fifteen RIS. The RISs provide a mechanism for topic-specific community and discussion; and you can join as many RIS as you like!

To join a RIS, follow these guidelines:

- 1) Visit www.nutrition.org and click on “RIS online” near the bottom.
- 2) Login with your ASN member number and your password. Default passwords are your member number and the initials of your first and last name (lower case). Contact ASN (mem@nutrition.org) if you do not know your member number.
- 3) Click on “MY COMMUNITIES” in the left-hand toolbar and click SUBSCRIBE for each RIS you wish to join. You can also join the Student Interest Group (SIG) on this website.

- 4) Click PREFERENCES for each RIS you subscribe to and indicate how frequently you wish to receive RIS listserv email.

ASN Sustaining Member Program

ASN's Sustaining Members (www.nutrition.org/sustain.htm) provide a foundation of support for Society activities and educational programs. The Society greatly appreciates the generosity and involvement of its 32 sustaining members! The 2007-2008 Sustaining Member Committee Chair welcomes suggestions for improving the sustaining member program and strengthening nutrition industry partnerships. Barbara J. Lyle, Ph.D. of Kraft Foods can be reached at blyle@kraft.com.

Additional industry partners are always welcomed, and allow the Society to build membership value; if you would like to assist ASN in this regard, please email marketing@nutrition.org with contact information for potential Sustaining Members.



PUBLIC POLICY NEWS

Congress returned this week from its month-long August recess with an ambitious agenda. With five weeks to go before the Columbus Day recess and four weeks until the end of the federal fiscal year (Sept. 30), the Senate in particular faces an uphill battle to get “must-pass” legislation completed. In addition to federal spending bills, the Farm Bill and SCHIP reauthorizations, as well as FDA overhaul legislation, are expected to take center stage. Read [the latest news here](#).

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

ZengKui Guo, PhD, has been awarded a 2-year research grant (2007-2009) from Merck Pharmaceuticals to study the new anti-diabetic drug sitagliptin.

Lisa Hark, RD, PhD, has published *The Complete Guide to Nutrition in Primary Care* with Darwin Deen, MD. Hark is Director, Nutrition Education and Prevention Program, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine.

Gail P. A. Kauwell, PhD, RD, LDN, received the ADA Excellence in Practice Award for Dietetics Education. She is professor and MS-DI Program Director at University of Florida.

ASN member **Shelley McGuire**, PhD, and Kathy Beerman co-authored an introductory nutrition textbook published in 2007 titled *Nutritional Sciences: from Fundamentals to Foods*. McGuire is an associate professor at Washington State and is currently serving as the RIS Director.

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 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](#) Long-chain n-6 polyunsaturated fatty acids in breast milk decrease the risk of HIV transmission through breastfeeding. Villamor E, Koulinska IN, Furtado J, et al.

[Article 2](#) Trends in blood folate and vitamin B-12 concentrations in the United States, 1988–2004. Pfeiffer CM, Johnson CL, Jain RB, et al.

[Article 3](#) (Accompanying editorial for article 2) The rise and fall of blood folate in the United States emphasizes the need to identify all sources of folic acid. Bailey LB.

[Article 4](#) Plasma carotenoids, retinol, and tocopherols and the risk of prostate cancer in the European Prospective Investigation into Cancer and Nutrition study. Key TJ, Appleby PN, Allen NE, et al.

[Article 5](#) Obesity and colon and rectal cancer risk: a meta-analysis of prospective studies. Larsson SC, Wolk A.

The Journal of Nutrition

[Article 1:](#) Isoflavones at Concentrations Present in Soy Infant Formula Inhibit Rotavirus Infection in Vitro. Aline Andres, Sharon M. Donovan, Theresa B. Kuhlenschmidt, and Mark S. Kuhlenschmidt. *J. Nutr.* 137: 2068–2073, 2007.

[Article 2:](#) Antioxidant Supplementation Increases the Risk of Skin Cancers in Women but Not in Men. Serge Hercberg, Khaled Ezzedine, Christiane Guinot, Paul Preziosi, Pilar Galan, Sandrine Bertrais, Carla Estaquio, Serge Briancon, Alain Favier, Julie Latreille, and Denis Malvy *J. Nutr.* 137: 2098–2105, 2007.

UPCOMING MEETINGS / PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

September 18. ASN is a cosponsor with the Tea Association of the USA for the [Fourth International Scientific Symposium on Tea & Human Health: Role of Flavonoids in the Diet](#). Washington, DC.

September 18 - 20. Institute of Medicine (IOM) [Food and Nutrition Board Workshop](#), Development of Dietary Reference Intakes, 1994-2004: Lessons Learned and New

Challenges. Free [registration](#) is now open. Washington, DC.

September 26 - 27. Division of Cancer Prevention - National Cancer Institute (NCI) and the Office of Dietary Supplements (ODS) - National Institutes of Health (NIH). [Diet, Epigenetic Events and Cancer Prevention](#). Gaithersburg, Maryland.

December 6-7. American Society for Bone and Mineral Research (ASBMR) [Meeting on Targeting Bone Remodeling for the Treatment of Osteoporosis](#) Co-Sponsored by ASN. Washington, D.C.

OTHER NUTRITION NEWS

Call for position paper topics!

ASN is seeking your expertise on nutrition issues that would make noteworthy and effective position papers in 2008. Creating a robust series of position papers is a top priority for ASN. As you may know, expanding our mission to include the creation and publication of such papers is new to the Society. We are quite excited to embark upon this effort. [More information](#), including a position paper proposal form, is available online. Questions? Contact Suzanne Price at sprice@nutrition.org.

EB 2008: San Diego

Watch your mailbox – copies of the preliminary program and call for abstracts should be delivered to all members later this week! Reminder: Submit your proposals for late-breaking sessions by Sept. 30, 2007

Questions may be directed to Anne Meyers at ameyers@nutrition.org

I hope you enjoyed this month's e-newsletter. If there are any topics of interest you would like to hear about please let us know. You can contact me through ASN or directly at JLupton@tamu.edu.

Joanne R. Lupton

Joanne R. Lupton, PhD, President
American Society for Nutrition

