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INCOMING PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



The excitement and energy at this year's *Experimental Biology* reinforces the decision made by three societies to amalgamate and "speak with one voice." The process wasn't an easy one, nor was it without some bumps along the way, but we made it. Many people contributed to this outcome, particularly you, the members, but a few need to be singled out. Kathleen Rasmussen, President of ASNS, pushed, shoved, cajoled but above all led us to this decision. Denny Bier

and Naomi Fukagawa (Co-Presidents) did the hard work of dealing with lawyers, a transition executive board operating under new guidelines, and initiating the process to retain a new executive officer. Stephanie Atkinson had the vision of where ASN needed to go and the management and people skills to get us there. Our Society is very fortunate to have such dedicated people who put the interests of the Society above their own and give so much of their time. Of equal importance is the current excellent infrastructure—all staff housed together for the first time; two outstanding journals with internationally recognized editors; a new Executive Officer with key experience at a leading nonprofit organization and a management team with oversight of the publications and of public policy and public information. We are poised and prepared to "speak with one voice". What is that voice going to say?

In talking with many of you and thinking hard about where I could focus my efforts this year for maximum success I've chosen to emphasize four action items that I'd like to share with you and for which I'd truly appreciate your help and support. This does not mean that other areas will stagnate – they won't. We have excellent chairs of our three councils, outstanding RIS leaders, and dedicated committee chairs all working equally hard in their respective areas.

Stress the importance and significance of nutrition research. The single attribute that most differentiates us from other nutrition/food oriented societies is our commitment to and emphasis on nutrition research. Public policy (be it the Dietary Guidelines, the DRI reports, school lunches, diet recommendations, international food/nutrition policy, clinical guidelines, statements to the press on functional foods or lobbying for resources for nutrigenomics) needs to be based on science. We haven't done a great job in stressing and highlighting the important contributions of nutrition research to our stakeholders and the general public. To cite one example – the Pollan article in the Sunday *New York Times Magazine* Section (January 28, 2007), pretty much concluded that nutrition scientists have done nothing to contribute to the advancement of human health. If you read the letters to the

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editor that appeared subsequent to that article, there was not much support for nutrition science – certainly not the groundswell we might have expected. I believe we can, and should, do a better job of promoting the importance of nutrition research and this needs to begin with documenting key nutrition research findings and their significance. Admittedly NIH, USDA and other agencies document this research, but we need to better exploit it. A meeting on the Hill highlighting the important outcomes of government funded nutrition research and specific examples used as illustrations in our press releases and other publications would be a step in the right direction. Perhaps one of our ASN awards could be for the best use of NIH money by a nutrition researcher. If you are interested in generating the list of accomplishments, helping to translate them into stories that resonate or generating ideas (and implementing them) on how to get this message across, I'd love to hear from you.

Increase the attribution to ASN when nutrition research is discussed in the press. One area in which I'd like to see us make more progress is in public statements on nutrition research being attributed to ASN members. This is not an easy goal. Most of us are called on at one time or another by the press to make a statement on nutrition research but when they ask "How would you like to be referred to?" the answer is usually something like "Professor of Nutrition, "X" University" or if you're speaking on behalf of a committee that's just released a report— member of the DRI macronutrient panel, or member of the 2005 dietary guidelines committee. The attribution of Member ASN does not leap to your lips, nor should it. For the quote to come from ASN the person needs to be speaking for ASN and we can do a better job of this. First off we can call on our officers – I'm happy to do this and so is Jim Hill our Vice President. Some of our Committee Chairs may be in a position to speak for ASN. But we could also have designated ASN spokespeople who compete for this position – for whom it is an honor to be an ASN spokesperson – who can put it on their cv. We don't have the resources to do this in a big way – but we can make a start, and we will make a start this year. The more we have an ASN person who is knowledgeable in and can communicate the SCIENCE behind the most recent "hot topic" the more visible ASN will be, and most importantly, the more public policy and public opinion



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will be based on SCIENCE. This is an area we could start to
develop with input from the RIS groups and Councils. Any
volunteers to work on this?

**Implement one or two late breaking sessions at EB
on controversial, topical subjects.** *Experimental Biology*
is a big part of the glue that holds us together as a Society —
just witness the large proportion of our membership that
attends. We now have in place (thanks in large part to the
hard work of Janet King, chair of the scientific program
committee) a document that explains all of the types of
scientific sessions and how one gets a slot on the program.
This process is now transparent, with contact information and
dates. The problem is that there is nearly a year and a half
between initiation of a scientific session idea to its actualization,
and many events may occur during that time period. The
concept is to have a few slots available and a defined process
in place to accommodate timely, relevant scientific sessions,
but with a shorter lead time. The Scientific Programs committee
is already at work on this.

**Help to develop a policy for company/nutrition
scientist collaborations that minimizes both actual and
perceived bias.** Much interest has been generated this year
by the publication of several papers on the concept of potential
bias in nutrition/food research done with corporate support.
The issue of bias also permeates advisory committees (FDA
as an example). Even NIH is not immune. It is raised each
time a new Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee is
empanelled. It is raised as an issue for journals and editorships.
This is something that is in our best interest to address head
on, and from a scientific rather than emotional perspective.
Organizations such as FASEB and ILSI are taking this on as an
important issue, and we need to be a player.

In putting the above action items and others into practice
we will follow a policy of transparency and inclusiveness. I
know those words are becoming overused, but their meaning
is important. If you want to help ASN affect public policy in
nutrition and promote the science of nutrition we want your
involvement. Each process, from how we decide on policy
statements, to how a symposium gets scheduled for *EB* has a
defined protocol, and that protocol should be on the web site.
We are particularly interested in having more recent graduates
and future leaders become active in ASN. Let us hear from
you.

In closing, we have come a long way in the last three years
in forming this new consolidated ASN so that we can speak
with one voice. You have my assurance that the voice will be
based on science. It will be clear. And, it will be heard. It is
an honor and a privilege for me to be your incoming president
and I take your trust and this responsibility very seriously.

Joanne Lupton

OUTGOING PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

In a word – SPECTACULAR – is how I would describe the ASN
meeting at *Experimental Biology 2007*! Thanks to the excellent
scientific program and outstanding speakers, the commitment
of ASN members in conducting the society's business through
committee meetings, the enthusiastic turnout of members to
ASN sessions, the excellence of the recipients of our Society
awards, and the palpable conviviality at the social events, *EB
2007* was by all accounts an outstanding success. On behalf
of the membership, our sincere thanks to all who contributed
to the planning and execution of our meeting, and in particular,
to the ASN staff who really made it all happen onsite.

As my term as President of ASN comes to a close, it is a time of reflection on what we have accomplished this year in moving ASN into its new "set of clothes". At the outset of my Presidency, my personal goal was to improve the value of the Society to its members. Accordingly, many new initiatives and projects were launched. 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 now posted on the website at www.nutrition.org. Key points to note are the implementation of a 3-person management team including a new Executive Officer (John Courtney) and Directors for both Publications (Karen King) and Public Policy and Communications (Mary Lee Watts), that together now offer the society broad-based expertise in the areas that are so vital for ASN to achieve its mission and goals. This depth and breadth in management, 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. By example, our staff team working with members has greatly strengthened ASN initiatives in advocacy and education in support of research funding and other undertakings funded by federal agencies that are important to our nutrition research community (Farm Bill and Nutrition Monitoring legislation). Another key area of member value is the much needed enhancement of the ASN website with a plan for resources for professional development. For the latter, be sure to log-on to the ASN website to view the first ever videocasts of key lectures from the 2007 ASN scientific program at *EB*.

As a final word, if you want to benefit the most from your membership in ASN, get involved! 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.

Thank you (merci) for the privilege and honor of being the President of this great new Society. I hope to partner with many of you as we continue to build our voice of nutrition not just within North America but globally.

Stephanie Atkinson

MAINLY FOR MEMBERS

New IOM Report: "Dietary Reference Intakes Research Synthesis"

Since 1941 the Food and Nutrition Board of the National Academy of Sciences has developed nutrient intake recommendations designed to maintain good health. For decades they have served as standards for federal nutrition programs; regulations related to food fortification, nutrition labeling, and military meals; nutritional guidelines for food assistance programs; and indicators of the quality of individual diets. The most recent updating of these nutritional standards occurred between 1996 and 2004. Sponsored by both the U.S. and Canadian governments, the process resulted in a new set of nutrition standards known as Dietary Reference Intakes (DRIs). These comprehensive DRI efforts were undertaken at the request of the Federal Steering Committee for Dietary Reference Intakes. Members of the committee come from sponsoring agencies in the U.S. and Canadian governments

that have provided guidance, oversight, and substantial financial support to the DRI process.

An important activity of this recent DRI process was to identify gaps in knowledge that preclude the establishment of more definitive and useful nutrient recommendations. The eight reports (six on specific classes of nutrients and two on DRI applications) contain more than 450 research recommendations. For future revisions of the DRIs, it is important that these research recommendations be widely circulated in the biomedical community and considered in setting priorities for future study of nutrient needs throughout the lifespan. They are currently available in two forms: as an electronic database in the form of both Microsoft Excel and Microsoft Access files (available at www.iom.edu/DRIresearch2006) and as a book titled *Dietary Reference Intakes Research Synthesis: Workshop Summary* (released in prepublication form in October 2006 and available at the same web address). The book provides the results of a workshop held June 7-8 where experts provided perspectives on the research recommendations and discussed progress in addressing some of them.

A DRI Research Synthesis Subcommittee has been established to develop and implement efforts that will result in the wide dissemination of the DRI research recommendations. The subcommittee is co-chaired by Paul M. Coates, PhD, Director of the Office of Dietary Supplements at the National Institutes of Health and Molly Kretsch, PhD, National Program Leader in Human Nutrition at the USDA, Agricultural Research Service.

Contact Information. To learn more about the Federal DRI Steering Committee and its work, contact Kathryn Y. McMurry, MS (kmccmurry@osophs.dhhs.gov). Further ideas and advice for disseminating and addressing the DRI research recommendations are welcome; please contact Dr. Coates (pc61s@nih.gov) or Dr. Kretsch (Molly.Kretsch@ars.usda.gov).

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

I. Symposia proposals for *EB2009* in New Orleans are due here on January 15, 2008. After June 1, 2007, use the following link for details on submissions. Start planning now! <http://www.nutrition.org/eb2009/eb2009template.htm>

II. There are travel grants available for *EB2008* in San Diego. Go online at www.faseb.org click on 'careers', then on the MARC program (Minority Access to Research Careers), then on travel grants. Start now to plan to apply for one of these awards to assist you to attend *EB2008*.

III. The University Mixer at our annual member reception was a resounding success. This year we increased the size and visibility of our university signs and, as a result, have had many requests for next year at *EB2008*. The deadline for making reservations for the mixer is November 1, 2007 but there is nothing stopping any university from reserving a table right now.

ASN IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Material for the September 2007 issue of *Nutrition Notes* is due on August 1, 2007

Abstract deadline for submission to *EB2008* in San Diego: November 7, 2007

For all information concerning the ASN awards as they are now categorized, visit the *Invitation for Nominations 2008* which will be published in either the July or August, 2007 issues of the society journals (and will be posted to the ASN website at www.nutrition.org). Deadline for receipt of nominations for the 2008 awards is September 1, 2007

RIS NEWS

From the RIS Director

The new millennium is certainly an exciting time to be a nutrition researcher and/or practitioner, and this fact is embodied in the new structure of the American Society for Nutrition. With the merger of the American Society for Nutritional Sciences (formerly the American Institute of Nutrition), the Society for International Nutrition Research, and the American Society for Clinical Nutrition, the Society has clearly established that nutrition research represents a broad yet cohesive dimension of related foci. We have also made the statement that interdependence is stronger and more productive than independence when it comes to getting our work done and our missions accomplished.

However, no matter how committed we all are to moving the entire field of nutrition forward through collaboration and multidisciplinary, maintaining strong ties to other researchers in our own more narrow fields of research remains the lifeblood of the science that we do on a daily basis. To this end, the American Society for Nutrition is committed to strengthening the stability and functions of the Research Interest Section (RIS) groups. Currently, there are 15 RIS groups reflecting a variety of research interests. Whereas the Society brings us all together in terms of being nutrition researchers, and Scientific Councils are important for overall governance and scientific support, the RIS groups remain our home-base for personal, topic-specific community and discussion. For example, it is the RIS groups that submit the majority of the symposia proposals for our annual meetings, and the RIS groups that usually suggest chairpersons for the minisymposia and poster sessions. If you are not involved in a RIS...you should be.

So, if you have not already done so, *join a RIS*. If you would like to meet people in your research field and get to know others who have your interests, *join a RIS*. If you would like to become involved in the governance and future of your Society, *join a RIS*. Perhaps the simplest way to do this is to show up at a RIS membership meeting at the upcoming Experimental Society meetings. You will be welcomed and invited to participate – and often fed as well. Belonging to a RIS group does not involve extra membership fees, extra time commitments, or extra burden in any way. The Society's RIS group structure has been established for you. Take advantage of it.

Also, if you have any suggestions, comments, or concerns about how the current RIS groups operate, contact me as well. With the merging of ASNS and ASCN into a single society (ASN), we are working hard this year to define and articulate the functions and expectations of the RIS groups, and your input would be most appreciated.

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Aging and Chronic Disease. Thanks to everyone for making the Aging and Chronic Disease RIS at *EB 2007* a success! The reception and business meeting were fun and we welcomed several new members. Connie Bales, Associate Research Professor in the Division of Geriatric Medicine, Department of Medicine, Duke University Medical Center presented exciting research on diet and exercise interventions to forestall Metabolic Syndrome. The minisymposium and the poster sessions attracted many researchers, industry representatives and educators. Thanks to *Experimental Biology* and Kraft Food Global for supporting our events this year.

We are beginning to plan for *EB 2008* in San Diego, CA, April 5-9 and welcome your input. Please forward your RIS suggestions and inquiries about membership to Lengyel@cc.umanitoba.ca. If you have any news and/or recent research publications please send them to Joe Sharkey, Chair-elect (jrsharkey@srph.tamhsc.edu) for inclusion in the ASN eCommunities or for our monthly email to members. I look forward to meeting all of you next year at *EB*. Have a wonderful summer!

Contributed by Christina Lengyel
Chair, Aging and Chronic Disease RIS

History of Nutrition. We are delighted that the "Legacy of W.O. Atwater" symposium chaired by Jackie Dupont at *EB 2007* was very well attended and so very enthusiastically received. At the accompanying exhibit booth we were also pleased to see old friends and make new ones through our mutual interest in preserving the history of our science. Next year we look forward to learning more about nutrition research in Africa and the Far East during the British colonial period. Richard Semba of Johns Hopkins is organizing the symposium.

At our business meeting Harold Sandstead was elected as chair-elect. Buford Nichols will serve the second year of a two-year term as chair during the coming year. We hope that all with an interest in the history of our science will visit our pages on the society website and sign up. By the way, you don't have to be old! The younger the better! Don't forget to indicate that you'd like to receive an email notice of our periodic postings to our web pages. Also, please indicate your views as to our organization and our activities! We want your active participation. Participation in the History RIS makes a nice companion to your participation in one or more of the research sections focused on some aspect of our science. We'd also like to collaborate with other research sections in jointly sponsoring mini-symposia or symposia at our annual meetings that might have a history component. We look forward to seeing your name on our membership list and hearing from you!

Contributed by Pat Swan
for the History RIS

Nutrition Education. At the Nutrition Education RIS Business meeting two graduate student research winners were announced. Each received a certificate and \$200. Winners were: 1) Houa Vue from the University of Minnesota. Her

paper is titled *Needs driving eating occasions in relation to BMI for midlife women*. Co-authors were D. Degeneffe, J. Kinsey and M. Reicks. 2) Jodi L. Stotts from The Pennsylvania State University. Her paper is titled *Eating competence in college students nominates a nondieting approach to weight management* with co-authors B. Lohse, (Penn State Univ) J. Patterson, (Penn State Univ.) T. Horacek, (Syracuse Univ) A. White, (Univ of Maine) and G. Green (Univ of Rhode Island)

Minutes from the Annual Business meeting including information about minisymposia topics will be posted on e-Communities.

Contributed by Barbara Lohse
Chair, Nutrition Education RIS

Community and Public Health Nutrition (CPHN). The CPHN RIS business meeting took place at the Washington DC Convention Center. At this meeting the two winners of the CPHN RIS Young Investigator Travel Awards were recognized. Richmond Aryeetey from Iowa State University was recognized for her abstract entitled "*Evaluating simple diagnostic tests for subclinical mastitis among Ghanaian lactating women.*" Nguyen Phuong from Emory University was recognized for her abstract entitled "*Impact of micronutrient supplementation on depressive symptoms in Guatemalan women.*" Both doctoral students will be presented with a certificate and a \$500 cash award. Thanks go to the anonymous judges in this competition. At the business meeting the following items were discussed: 1) the CPHN RIS and Nutrition Education RIS agreed to hold separate but adjacent business meetings in future years; 2) there will be three calls for abstracts for placement in mini-symposia in *EB2008* and the mini-symposia titles will remain the same as this year; 3) the chairs and co-chairs for mini-symposia in 2008 will be: a) Margaret Bogle and Sarah Colby; b) Nurgul Fitzgerald and Domingo Pinero; and c) Rafael Perez-Escamilla and Sibylle Kranz; 4) Elections were held for positions to start in 2009. The Chair-elect is Edward Frongillo and the Communications chair-elect is Amber Hromi-Fiedler. A student representative is being identified. Many thanks to all those who volunteered for these roles this year; 5) Symposium proposals for *EB09* were discussed and numerous possibilities were suggested by the membership. These suggestions, and possibly others not mentioned at the business meeting, need to be further developed in the coming months as follows: First, by September 15 a title, one page summary, speakers and titles should be submitted to the RIS Chair (David Pelletier) for consideration. One to two proposals will be selected for submission to ASN. Those proposals will then be written by session organizers with support from RIS advisory group, with the final proposals due to the RIS chair in December 2007. All potential organizers identified at the business meeting will be sent an example of a successful proposal and templates; 6) Finally, the membership discussed whether to explore the formation of a fourth council within ASN, related to population nutrition, public nutrition, public health nutrition or some other umbrella term. It was agreed that the current councils do not appear to represent these interests adequately and that the CPHN advisory group should explore the requirements, feasibility, advantages and disadvantages of forming a new council, in concert with other relevant RISs.

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Chair, Community and Public Health Nutrition RIS

Vitamins and Minerals. It was a great pleasure serving as VMRIS chairs this past year. As outgoing chair I would like to thank the membership for their continued support and turnout at the VMRIS events at *EB07*. The Vitamin and Mineral RIS held its annual graduate student/post-doc poster competition at the Convention Center, Washington, DC on Saturday April

28th at 5pm, with our business meeting following at 6pm. There were 15 poster entries and was a well attended event. The best Poster Award was given to Yvonne Lamers, University of Florida (\$500), *Vitamin B6 dependent glycine flux and decarboxylation rate quantified in human subjects after primed, constant infusions of [1,2-¹³C₂]glycine and [²H₃]leucine*". First runner up was Jennifer Jamieson, McGill University (\$400), *Dietary Long-chain Inulin Reduces Abdominal Fat while Preserving Bone Density in Growing Female Rats*; and second runner up was Anna Gybina, University of Minnesota-Duluth (\$300), *Cerebella of young copper deficient rats have increased AMPK phosphorylation but decreased fructose 2,6 bisphosphate levels*". In addition to cash prizes, winners received ribbons and all participants received certificates for their participation, kindly prepared by Michael Dubick (US Army). Thank you to our judges for this year's competition: Richard Bruno (University of Connecticut), Emily Ho (Oregon State University), James McClung (US Army) and Janos Zemleni (University of Nebraska-Lincoln). At our business meeting new officers were elected. The current Chair-Elect Emily Ho (Oregon State University) is our incoming chair and she will assume her duties on June 1, 2007. New officers elected for 2007-2008 include Richard Bruno as new chair-elect (University of Connecticut), James Swain (Case Western Reserve University) as new treasurer/secretary and Leah Cahill (University of Toronto) as our graduate student representative. VMRIS members were encouraged to identify topic areas for mini-symposia and volunteer to chair sessions.

It's not too early to think about the upcoming *EB09* meeting. VMRIS members are encouraged to get together some ideas for symposia and mini-symposia. If you have ideas and would like VMRIS to co-sponsor your symposia session, please coordinate your submissions with incoming chair Emily Ho (Emily.ho@oregonstate.edu). The executive committee can also share with you examples of successful symposia proposals. Thank you for outgoing officers James McClung, secretary (US Army) and Kelly Williams, student rep (Iowa State University) for their valuable time and effort in the ongoing VMRIS activities. Thank you to everyone who has helped make the past year a successful one and I look forward to seeing you all at *EB08* in San Diego.

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ISRHML/Human Milk and Lactation. Once again, HML RIS members played an active role at *EB 2007* in Washington, DC in April. All our events were well attended, including our Symposium on "Breastfeeding and Atopic Disease" organized by Allan Walker, a Mini-Symposium chaired by Alex Anderson and Grace Marquis and a poster session. **Clare Berry** (University of Western Australia), **M. Munirul Islam** (ICCD, Bangladesh and UC Davis), and Laurie Nommensen-Rivers (**UC Davis**) were honored with trainee travel awards from the International Society for research on Human Milk and Lactation (ISRHML). About 40 RIS members and guests attended the RIS Business Meeting and Luncheon co-sponsored by ISRHML, where plans for future *EB* international meetings and opportunities afforded by ongoing changes within ASN and were discussed.

We are now seeking 2009 Symposia Proposals, due January 15, 2008. Anyone interested in developing a Symposium proposal should contact Dan Sellen (dan.sellen@utoronto.ca) for further details and guidelines. Members should also begin planning to submit in November abstracts for Poster sessions and a Mini-Symposium on Human Milk & Lactation at *EB 2008* (April 5-9, 2008, in San Diego). Last, please consider attending the 14th ISRHML International Conference in Perth, Australia,

January 31-Feb 5, 2008 (more details can be found at: <http://www.isrhml.org.umu.se/>)

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Nutrient-Gene Interaction (NGI). The NGI-RIS annual mixer, business meeting, and poster competition was well attended at *EB2007*. I would like to thank NGI-RIS members and colleagues for attending and participating in this important annual event. The business meeting focused on several important items relevant to the activities of the NGI-RIS. Manabu Nakamura (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign) was elected to serve as Chair-Elect, and Janos Zemleni (University of Nebraska, Lincoln) will now serve as Chair 2007-2008. In an effort to increase the submissions of abstracts to NGI-led minisymposia, ideas for new minisymposia topics were solicited from the membership, and these will be incorporated into *EB2008* programming. It was also proposed that the NGI-RIS have a student representative to help coordinate student-membership activities. Please forward to Janos Zemleni the names of any students who might be interested in this position.

The NGI-RIS poster competition is always an exciting event and this year was no exception. We had 22 excellent entries and two \$300 awards were given—one to Chad Stroud, a graduate student from Manabu Nakamura's laboratory, and another to Morvarid Soltani-Bejnood, a post-doctoral fellow from the laboratory of Naima Moustaid-Moussa at the University of Tennessee. In addition to the cash awards, the finalists will receive a framed certificate.

A very special note of appreciation is extended to SuperArray Biosciences and Research Diets, Inc., who generously supported this year's NGI-RIS activities. I have enjoyed serving as chair, and look forward to continue serving for one more year as Past-Chair on the NGI-RIS steering committee.

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Nutritional Immunology. Greetings Nutrition Immunology RIS members! Once again, *EB* was an outstanding meeting. Our business meeting was a success and I want to congratulate our 3 graduate student poster competition winners (Barry Ritz, Kristina Martinez, Jeremy Davis). The two minisymposia and symposium in Nutrition Immunology had excellent attendance. My term as RIS Chair ends June 1 and I wanted to take this opportunity to thank the RIS members for their help and support over the past year. It is important for all the RIS membership to work together for us to be a success. I do hope that new members continue to volunteer for important tasks in the RIS and that all current RIS members will help encourage and recruit new members (especially students!). As of June 1, Kathleen Hoag hoagk@msu.edu will be the RIS Chair so feel free to contact her with questions or to volunteer for RIS associated tasks.

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Nutritional Epidemiology. *EB 2007* was a rich conference with many stimulating workshops, symposia, mini symposia and poster sessions. The Nutrition Epidemiology RIS mixer and business meeting was held on Saturday, April 28th. The new RIS chair, Karen Wosje, was introduced, and she will begin her 2-year term as of June 1, 2007. A couple of things discussed

at the business meeting included the revitalization of the RISs and the importance of the RISs in programming the scientific content of the annual meeting. Over the last year since the 3 societies were consolidated to create ASN, a lot of effort has gone into re-establishing the organization and function of the RISs. Each of the RISs needs to create new by-laws and have them approved by January 2008. If you would like to participate in crafting the new by-laws for the Nutritional Epidemiology RIS please send an email to the new chair Karen.Wosje@cchmc.org. One of the main functions of the RISs is to provide input on the scientific programming, either by submission of symposia proposals or topics for mini-symposia. It is not too soon to be thinking about symposia ideas for *EB 2009* as they will be due in January 2008! The templates and instructions for the proposals should be on the ASN web site.

The annual graduate student poster competition sponsored by the Nutritional Epidemiology RIS was held at the business meeting on April 28, 2007. Six abstracts were submitted, and the winner was Richmond Aryeety from Iowa State University for his poster titled "Evaluating simple diagnostic tests for sub-clinical mastitis among Ghanaian lactating women". The winner will receive \$500, which was graciously donated by Kraft Foods International. The graduate students that participated in the poster competition found that it was a great opportunity to showcase their work, have stimulating conversations about their research, and found it, overall, to be fun.

The Nutrition Epidemiology RIS is composed of researchers with interests covering a diverse range of nutritional issues, populations, and health outcomes. Some of our common interests lie in the epidemiologic methods and approaches used to study the role in nutrition in health outcomes, and the methodological issues faced in nutritional or dietary assessment. We welcome new members and encourage you to become actively involved in the RIS. Over the summer we will be exchanging ideas about—hot topics for mini symposia; creative use of eCommunities (on the ASN web site) to foster communication among our RIS members; and fund-raising. If you have not done so already, let us know if you would like to become more involved.

*Contributed by Heidi Kalkwarf
Chair, Nutritional Epidemiology RIS*

Dietary Bioactive Components. *EB 2007* in Washington DC was a huge success for the Dietary Bioactive Components RIS. We programmed six minisymposia. Our business meeting and student poster competition were well attended and showcased 21 student research posters. Congratulations the travel award winners: Tiffany J. Hager, "Metabolites of Blackberry Anthocyanins as Evaluated by Multiple Reaction Monitoring (MRM) Transitions", Department of Food Science, University of Arkansas, Nikki Ford "Investigation of Apolycopenals in DU145 & LNCaP Cells", Nutritional Sciences, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and Nancy Engleman "Production of ¹⁴C tomato carotenoids from 'VFNT' Cherry cell suspension cultures treated with herbicidal enzyme inhibitors", Division of Nutritional Sciences, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The judging was tough as the students get better and better each year. We would like to thank the judges, Jessica Campbell, John Wise, Anita Boddie, Kelly Walsh, Craig Hadley, and Jim Daily. We had a wonderfully generous group of sponsors that included General Mills, the McCormick Science Institute, Mead Johnson, the Office of Dietary Supplements at NIH, Natural Alternatives International, and Nestle. Thank you for support of the RIS and the student travel awards. Our new chair-elect is Susanne Hendrich from Iowa State University

and our new student representative is Nancy Engleman from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

And can you believe we are already looking ahead to *EB 2008*? Look for a Symposium sponsored by three RISs: Diet and Cancer, DBC and Nutritional Immunology entitled "A stimulating conversation: Dietary factors, epithelial cells and the immune system in carcinogens".

Please consider submitting a Symposium Proposal topic by January 15th 2008 for the 2009 *Experimental Biology*. Symposia that were submitted but not accepted this year are strongly encouraged to re-apply. Team up with other RIS groups for development of timely and unique topics.

Listed below are the minisymposia topics we have submitted in the past. If you would like to chair one of these sessions next year or have suggestions for new topics, please let us know!

- *Dietary Bioactive Compounds (General)
- *Dietary Bioactive Compounds: Medicinal Foods
- *Dietary Bioactive Compounds: Chronic Disease Risk Reduction
- *Dietary Bioactive Compounds: Modification of physiological, absorptive & transport processes.
- *Dietary Bioactive Compounds: Mechanisms of action and molecular targets
- *Antioxidants and Free Radical Defenses

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Energy and Macronutrient Metabolism (EMM). RIS Leadership. Election of the EMM-RIS Chair-Elect for 2007-2008 was held at our business meeting at *Experimental Biology* in Washington DC. The officers are:

2007-2008 Chair-Elect: Malcolm Watford, D.Phil. (Professor, Rutgers University, **Watford@aesop.rutgers.edu**)

2006-2007 Chair: Jill Bush, Ph.D. (University of Houston, **jbush@uh.edu**)

2006-2007 Chair-Elect: Wayne Campbell, Ph.D. (Purdue University, **campbellw@purdue.edu**)

2006-2007 Past Chair: Tracy Anthony, Ph.D. (Indiana University School of Medicine, **tganthon@iupui.edu**)

Wayne Campbell and Jill Bush will commence Chair and Past-Chair duties, respectively, starting July 1 2007. We would like to thank Tracy Anthony for her untiring dedication, support, and service to EMM RIS.

Membership and Steering Committee: The EMM RIS membership on ASN Online increased nearly 15% since April 2006. Let's keep this trend going: to all Regular Members: please encourage your students/trainees to join ASN and sign up for EMM RIS online! **IT IS FREE to join the RIS e-community online.** Our Steering Committee was

acknowledged and sincere gratitude was expressed to all members for their roles in helping define the sessions and symposia at *EB2007* and for their assistance in judging our abstract competition.

We thank the **2005-2007 Steering Committee Members** for their service:

Malcolm Watford, Rutgers University
Wayne W. Campbell, Purdue University
Ming Fan, University of Guelph
Michele Doucette, Georgia State University
Sean Adams, USDA Human Nutrition Research Center at UC Davis
Martha H. Stipanuk, Cornell University
Daniel Tomé, Institut National Agronomique Paris Grignon
Sharon Donovan, University of Illinois

We thank the **2006-2008 Steering Committee Members** for their continued service:

Robert Bertolo, Memorial University of Newfoundland
Elisabet Borsheim, University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston
Douglas Burrin, Baylor College of Medicine
Jeffery Escobar, Virginia Tech University
Jung Han Kim, University of Tennessee at Knoxville
Manabu Nakamura, University of Illinois at Urbana
Gregory Paul, The Solae Company

We welcome **nominations for the 2007-2009 Steering Committee Members**. Your name can be added below. Please contact Wayne Campbell if interested in serving on the steering committee. Duties start July 1, 2007. Look for a future email for Wayne Campbell.

Nancy Rodriguez, University of Connecticut
Priscilla Samuel, Bristol Meyer Squib
Jamie Baum, Unilever
Your Name Here!

EMM-RIS 2007 Abstract Competition Winners. The EMM RIS abstract competition is growing! Six individuals each received a \$400 travel grant. Generous donations from our sponsors (Mead Johnson, General Mills, Cambridge Isotope Laboratories, Isotech/Sigma-Aldrich, Kraft Foods, and GlaxoSmithKline) allowed for this increase, and we thank them most sincerely for supporting our RIS. The winners of our 2007 Abstract Competition are:

Jonathan Brown, Wake Forest University School of Medicine, "Probing the role of hepatic cholesterol esterification in atherosclerosis promotion via liver-specific depletion of ACAT2" (Mentor-Dr. Lawrence Rudel)

Kristine Urschel, University of Alberta, "Whole-body nitric oxide synthesis is reduced in enterally-fed piglets receiving an arginine-deficient diet" (Mentor-Dr. Ron Ball)

Rachel Pohle, University of Buffalo, "The satiety effects of L-phenylalanine are modulated by menstrual cycle phase" (Mentor-Dr. Christine Pelkman)

Karen Eny, University of Toronto, "Does protein intake alter the precursors for synthesis of lactose and non-essential amino acids by the mammary glands of lactating mice?" (Mentor-Dr. Ahmed El-Soheby)

Katie Schoenberg, University of Maryland, "Stimulation of muscle protein synthesis by glucose in neonates is AMP kinase independent" (Mentor-Dr. Brian Bequette)

Nishanth Sunny, University of Maryland, "Gluconeogenesis and carbon utilization in embryos from small and large chicken eggs" (Mentor- Dr. Brian Bequette).

Recap of *EB2007* Symposium and Minisymposium Events: EMM-RIS sponsored 2 symposia at *EB2007*: "Protein metabolism and sarcopenia in the elderly". Speakers were Wayne Campbell, Yves Boirie, Elena Volpi, and Kevin, chaired by Kevin Short and Tracy Anthony; and "The role of lymphatic system in macronutrient sensing and metabolic homeostasis" with speakers Guillermo Oliver, Hans-Rudolf Berthoud, Helen Raybould, and Caroline Pond; chaired by Helen Raybould and Sean Adams.

EMM-RIS held a very successful "Hot Topics" Symposium during *EB2007*. Richard Mattes from Purdue University spoke about the mechanisms and function of fat taste in humans. This symposium can be used for continuing education credits as recently approved by ASN.

EMM-RIS also sponsored 8 minisymposia at *EB2007*: Energy balance, macronutrient composition and weight management; Energy and macronutrient metabolism; Lipid metabolism and transport; Obesity and related co-morbidities in animals and adults humans; Dietary factors affecting lipid metabolism; Protein and amino acid metabolism; Obesity aspects in children; Food intake regulation.

EB2008 and *EB2009* Symposium Proposals: We are pleased to announce that 2 symposium proposals were submitted in January 2007 for consideration at the *EB2008* conference. More details on these to follow in a future *Nutrition Notes* update. Consider submitting a symposium proposal for consideration at *EB2009*. Email Wayne or Jill for more information on the procedures. The deadline is mid-January, 2008.

Minisymposium Titles for *EB2008*: The titles of the Minisymposium for *EB2008* were submitted on May 15, 2007. Please review the list below for consideration of submitting your research abstracts to those minisymposia sessions in November 2007. If you are interested in chairing or co-chairing a future minisymposium session, please contact Wayne or Jill.

Charting the Future: For those that did not attend the ASN Business Meeting at *EB*, it was made clear to the Membership that the RIS groups are to remain a vital part of the new Society, with their primary function to guide the scientific programming at *EB* and provide a scientific home base in which ASN members with similar interests can connect (even across Scientific Councils) and feel a sense of community and belonging. Thus, the programming of future symposia and minisymposia at *EB* can only happen and succeed with your input. ***If there is an EMM topic you would like covered at a future meeting (EB or other FASEB conference), please contact one of the EMM RIS Officers.***

Contributed by Jill A. Bush (jbush@uh.edu), Chair
Wayne Campbell (campbellw@purdue.edu), Chair-Elect
Tracy Anthony (tganthon@iupui.edu), Past Chair

Student Interest Group (SIG). The Student Interest Group enjoyed a very successful round of events at *EB07*. Thanks to everyone who made us look good, especially the participants in our Special Session on choosing a good postdoc, Dairy Management Inc. for supporting the Student Breakfast, the Fellows who graciously met with students throughout the meeting and to all those who attended our events and supported us in our T-shirt fundraiser. We are more grateful than you can know!

Congratulations to Anna Gybina, MS, a PhD candidate at the University of Minnesota, Duluth, for submitting the winning design to the T-shirt contest. Look for our next T-shirt contest at the end of the year, and the 2nd Annual SIG T-shirt sale at *EB08*!

The SIG is now accepting applications to open positions on its board. If you are a student of nutrition looking to get involved in ASN, this is a great opportunity for you. Look for more information to come.

Contributed by Rajni Singh
Purdue University

Experimental Animal Nutrition. The Experimental Animal Nutrition RIS had a wonderful meeting in DC at *EB'07*. Our symposium on animal models and two mini-symposia on companion animal nutrition and bone analysis were well-received. We thank all the outstanding speakers and dedicated organizers for their contributions to one of the most important RIS functions. Our very first graduate student poster competition attracted 11 excellent papers and resulted in three winners (\$300 cash prize each): Ryan Dilger (University of Illinois, Advisor: D. H. Baker), Kristine Urschel (University of Alberta, Advisor: Ron Ball), and Sara Cutler (Iowa State University, Advisor: C. H. Stahl). The generous donations by Nestle Purina Petcare and Hill's Pet Nutrition greatly helped the symposium and poster competition activities.

More than 50 people attended the annual business meeting and reception. Four new members have been elected to add to the RIS leadership team: Secretary: Matthew R. Waldron (University of Vermont); Scientific Program Coordinator: Benjamin Corl (Virginia Tech); Industrial Representative: Julie Spears (Nestle); and Student Representative: Sinju Sundaresan (Texas Women University). Starting July 1, 2007, remaining members of the committee will presume new roles: Chad Stahl (Iowa State University) as the Chair, Kelly Swanson (University of Illinois) as the Chair-Elect, Sungwoo Kim (Texas Tech University) as the Treasurer, and Xingen Lei (Cornell University) as the Past-Chair. By June 30, 2007, Brian Larson (Kellogg) will retire from the position of Past-Chair after serving the RIS from 2003 to 2007 (almost single-handedly running the RIS from 2003 to 2005); and Thomas D. Crenshaw (University of Wisconsin) will complete his term as the Scientific Program Coordinator. Please join me to thank them for their excellent leadership and contribution to our RIS.

On May 15, the RIS submitted four tentative mini-symposium topics to the American Society of Nutrition for *EB2008*: Companion Animal Nutrition, Polyunsaturated Fatty Acid Nutrition and Metabolism, Bone Health in Animal Models, and Animal Growth. We invite you to conduct relevant research in these areas now for abstract submissions in November. It has been an exciting time reviving the Experimental Animal Nutrition RIS in the society. Be part of it!

Contributed by Xingen Lei
Chair, Experimental Animal Nutrition RIS

Nutrition Translation from Bench to Consumer. ASN'ers from government, academia, clinical practice and industry met at *EB* to launch this new RIS aiming to provide a forum to address the translation of nutrition knowledge to improve human health. We collected a slate of candidates to run for officer positions and to serve on a steering committee in the new year. And we hosted a lively discussion on what nutrition translation means from the varying perspectives of the constituents represented. ASN members signed up for this RIS (or the Food Issue RIS) will receive a summary of the discussion by e-mail and have the opportunity to provide input

into the coming year(s) RIS agenda and programs. In addition, suggestions and questions can be sent to Barbara Lyle blyle@kraft.com, current RIS chair.

Contributed by Barbara Lyle, Chair
Nutrition Translation From Bench to Consumer RIS
blyle@kraft.com

COMING EVENTS

2007

JUNE

14-15 **Paris Anti-Obesity 2007. 2nd World Congress on prevention and therapies against Obesity: Innovation and Perspectives in the Obesity Field.** Institut Pasteur, Paris, France. For information: Phone: +33 1 55 04 77 55; Fax : +33 1 55 04 77 57 Email: isanh@wanadoo.fr; internet: <http://www.isanh.com>

18-20 **2nd International Congress of Nanobiotechnology & Nanomedicine 2007.** San Francisco. Please visit our web site: <http://www.ianano.org> Early-bird registration will end on May 30, 2007. Register now and save! <http://www.ianano.org/registration.htm>

JULY

10-13 **The 10th European Nutrition Conference.** Palais des Congrès. This new scientific event is following the last meeting held in Roma in October 2003. **BCA Professional Congress Organizer**, 6, boulevard du Général Leclerc, 92115 Clichy Cedex – France, Tel : +33 (0)1 41 06 67 70 , Fax: +33 (0)1 41 06 67 79; www.b-c-a.fr

SEPTEMBER

5-6 **NIH Office of Dietary Supplements (ODS) with co-sponsorship of ASN** is organizing a two-day Conference with the following goals: Evaluation of the efficacy & safety of Vitamin D across the lifespan considering the recent Evidence Based Review, research & related tools since the 2003 ODS Conference on "Vitamin D and Health in the 21st Century: Bone and Beyond"; Presentation of current data/research on Vitamin D status, sources of Vitamin D, and functional outcomes; Identification of knowledge gaps, methodological challenges & research needs on Vitamin D production, activation, metabolism, & status assessment across the lifespan. By addressing these goals the organizers will identify needed knowledge for understanding the role of Vitamin D and health at various stages of life and for the developing strategies to insure adequacy of Vitamin D from various sources, including food, dietary supplements and UVB exposure. **Location:** Mazur Auditorium, NIH Magnuson Clinical Center/Bldg. #10, Bethesda, MD; **Registration Information:** After June 1, 2007 visit The Vitamin D and Health Web site: <http://www.VitaminDandHealth.od.nih.gov>

OCTOBER

21-26 **ISTERH/NTES/HTES '07.** Join us for a conference on "Trace Elements in Diet, Nutrition and Health: Essentiality and Toxicity." An integrated meeting of the International Society for Trace Element Research in Humans (ISTERH), the Nordic Trace Element Society (NTES), and the Hellenic Trace Element Society (HTES), to be held at the Creta Maris Hotel, Hersonissos, Crete-Greece. For information or to submit an

abstract: <http://www.isterh.org>
Creteconference2007@isterh.org

Email:

26-28 **Food and Nutrition Conference and Expo (FNCE) 2008** in Chicago. **Greg Andruch**, Exhibits Manager, American Dietetic Association, Suite 2000, 120 South Riverside Plaza, Chicago, IL 60606; 312/899-4741 Phone; 312/899-0008 Fax; email: gandruch@eatright.org; web: www.eatright.org/exhibit2007

NOVEMBER

1-2 **American Institute for Cancer Research (AICR) International Conference.** A launch conference to introduce the second expert report "Food, Nutrition, Physical Activity and the Prevention of Cancer: A Global Perspective." Information to: Ivana Vucenik, American Institute for Cancer Research, 1759 R Street, NW, Washington, DC 2009, Tel: 202 328 7744; Fax: 202 328 7226; e-mail: i.vucenik@aicr.org; website: www.aicr.org

14-16 **Malta Polyphenols Applications 2007. Republic of Malta. Sponsored by Malta University and the International Society of Antioxidants in Nutrition & Health (ISANH).** For information contact Dr Nikta Vaghefi, Scientific Coordinator, Malta Polyphenols 2007. Email: polyphenols2007@wanadoo.fr; Internet site: www.isanh.com

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MARCH

4-6 **5th International Congress on Vegetarian Nutrition**, Loma Linda, California, USA. Sponsored by the Department of Nutrition, Loma Linda University. For information on registration contact Venice Brown: vbrown@llu.edu (909) 558-4595. For program inquiries contact Sujatha Rajaram, Chair, Scientific Program at srajaram@llu.edu. For online registration and abstract submission access: www.vegetariannutrition.org. Deadline for abstracts for short oral and poster presentations is November 15, 2007.

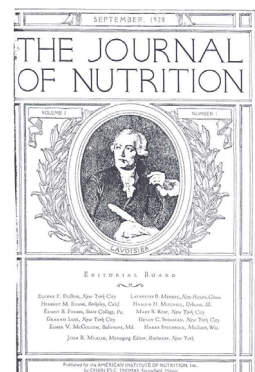
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5-9 **Experimental Biology 2008**, San Diego, CA

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POSITIONS

Job Title: Sr. Nutrition Scientist; Req # 15860. Non-Academic. Company: Mead Johnson Nutritionals, a division of Bristol-Myers Squibb **Location:** Evansville, Indiana

Position Description: Provide scientific leadership and technical input on business strategy development, claims development and substantiation and nutrition positions and policies. Monitor and evaluate science landscape, ingredients, technology and intellectual property opportunities. Determine science based nutrition profiles for new and improved products. Effectively communicate across technical and non-technical audiences internally and externally. Effectively collaborate cross-functionally. Network broadly with external and internal technical community to assure access to current and innovative technologies and scientific advances and maintain credibility with the external scientific and regulatory community. Identify, lead and/or contribute to nutrition research that address business needs. Contribute to the development of integrated, tactical, science based, global and regional communication plans. Help develop and review educational and promotional materials for consumers and health care professionals. Support nutrition education and training for internal audiences.

Position Requirements: Masters or PhD preferred in nutrition or related discipline with excellent general knowledge of nutrition. 2-3 years of industry or post-doctoral experience desirable. Strong background in metabolism and biochemistry of nutrients and food components relative to consumers' health and well being. Excellent interpersonal skills including the ability to develop effective working relationships and networks with culturally and technically diverse groups. Ability to evaluate and translate complex technical information to identify opportunities for new reformulated products and/or more compelling communications for existing products. Capable of identifying and driving the application of nutrition science to generate positive business results. Ability to effectively communicate science technological concepts and business applications to technical and nontechnical audiences at multiple levels through a variety of formats to enable sound business decisions. We offer relocation assistance, competitive salaries and comprehensive benefits. Please go to: www.bms.com to apply for this position.

Tenure-track Assistant or Associate Professor Position in nutrition and metabolism, Department of Health Professions, College of Health and Public Affairs, University of Central Florida.

Responsibilities: The successful candidate will be expected to contribute to a growing research and education focus on the role of nutrition, diet and physical activity in the etiology, prevention and treatment of chronic diseases. Specific research interests and experience should be in the area of diet and its association with chronic diseases such as obesity, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, or cancer. S/he will develop an externally funded research program in one of these areas and will to teach human nutrition in the newly established research-based master's track in Clinical and Lifestyle Sciences. The University of Central Florida (UCF) is a metropolitan research university with over 46,000 students and is among the fastest growing universities in the country. Orlando, Florida, is one of the nation's most dynamic, diverse and rapidly growing metropolitan areas, well positioned near the Space Coast in the center of the high-tech Interstate 4 Corridor. It is home to numerous cultural activities and offers a wide variety of athletic and outdoor recreational opportunities. The successful candidate will work in the newly established Center for Lifestyle

Medicine. Excellent opportunities exist for developing collaborations with faculty in the newly established Colleges of Medicine and Nursing, a new Florida expansion site for the Burnham Institute for Medical Research, a planned VA Hospital, and other established university-affiliated hospitals. Rank and salary will be based on qualifications and experience.

Qualifications: An earned doctorate in nutrition or related field is required. Successful candidates will have a record of peer-reviewed publications in high impact scientific journals and externally funded research. Candidates will be expected to be able to work in a team setting involving faculty, staff and students, to demonstrate exceptional written and oral communication skills, and to have a commitment to collaboration. An RD is considered a plus. **Application Procedure:** Applicants should send a current curriculum vita, names and contact information for three references, and a cover letter describing the candidate's strengths, accomplishments, and future research plans to: Search Committee for Position # 39027, Department of Health Professions, University of Central Florida, P. O. Box 162205. Orlando, FL 32816-2205. Please indicate the position number on each document. Consideration of applications will begin immediately, and continue until the position is filled, preferably by Fall 2007. Send e-mail inquires to: tangelop@mail.ucf.edu. Previous applicants for this position need not reapply. They are still under consideration. UCF is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer. As an agency of the State of Florida, all application materials and selection procedures are available for public review. UCF web site: www.ucf.edu.

Staff Scientist. The Life Sciences Research Office (LSRO) is seeking a highly-qualified individual to assist in science, regulatory, and policy studies; interact with scientists and policy makers from academic, corporate, government and in the biomedical sciences; and conduct peer/program reviews. Minimum requirements include an advanced science degree (doctoral level preferred), research experience in related biomedical field (nutrition experience a plus), and demonstrable quantitative, analytic, and communications skills. Candidates must have broad organizational skills. For immediate consideration, please send resume with salary requirements to LSRO@LSRO.org or fax (301) 634-7876. WWW.LSRO.ORG EOE

Monsanto values diversity and is an equal opportunity affirmative action employer. Department: Regulatory; **Title:** Nutrition Scientist; **Req Number:** mons-00006396 **Location(s):** St. Louis MO

Responsibilities: This position is responsible for providing nutritional science expertise to support the regulatory requirements, health benefits and marketability of Monsanto's food trait products. The position will be accountable to design and implement nutrition studies that support expected health benefits of products developed by Monsanto. In addition, the Human Nutrition Scientist will manage relationships with key stakeholders in the scientific and regulatory communities.

The primary responsibility will be the management of nutrition studies (e.g., animal or clinical efficacy studies and food ingredient dietary intake studies) at external academic and/or contract facilities to investigate the nutritional usefulness of candidate food ingredients or products developed through advanced breeding and/or biotechnology approaches. A critical component of study management will be to build and maintain good relationships with external scientists and contractors. The results of these studies will be included in regulatory dossiers seeking approval of the product, in scientific publications and symposia, in print materials, advertising, product labeling, and/or in other communications. In addition, operating with an

interdisciplinary food regulatory team, the role will contribute to product concept evaluation, intellectual property, and development timelines. Additional responsibilities will include monitoring and interpreting developments in nutrition sciences, US FDA regulations and international food regulations. The human nutrition scientist will also assist in representing the Company's interests on scientific, professional and trade association committees whose actions could influence product commercial success. These activities require strong nutritional technical expertise, project management skills, and the ability to function on cross-functional R & D and commercial teams. **Required Skills:** PhD in Nutritional Science or related field with post-doctoral experience is preferred. Other combinations of education and experience will be considered. Experience in the food industry will be viewed very positively. Proven abilities in animal and clinical study management, experience with applicable regulatory requirements for foods, and project management skills will be evident. Excellent written and verbal communications skills and the ability to work in a cross-functional team environment with multiple customers will be required. Some travel to meetings is required approximately 10%. For consideration, please apply online at www.monsanto.com and refer to job requisition #mons-00006396.

National Taiwan University, Graduate Institute of Food Science and Technology, Assistant/Associate Professor.

The Graduate Institute of Food Science and Technology is seeking one highly motivated and creative individual to conduct research and teaching in nutrition or related areas. A Ph.D. in Nutritional Science or related field is required. The successful candidates must demonstrate excellent oral and written competencies, interpersonal skills, and willingness to work in a team.

The applicant needs to prepare a letter of application, curriculum vitae, undergraduate and graduate transcripts, copy of Ph.D. diploma or a proof on receiving the degree before May 31, 2007, a representative paper (a full research paper published in an SCI journal after June 1, 2004, applicant needs to be the first author or corresponding author), copies of publications (published after June 1, 2002), list of publications, patents, technology transfer or related creative performance, and a summary (no more than 10 pages) outlining teaching and research visions. Non-Chinese speaking candidate needs to provide a proof on capability of communication in Chinese. Three recommendation letters must be mailed by the references. Position announcement can be found at <http://www.fst.ntu.edu.tw/>. Please contact Ms. Tan-Feng Cheng (e-mail: fsatn@ntu.edu.tw) for further questions. To assure full consideration, all application materials must be **received by May 31, 2007**. Application materials should be sent by registered mail to: Faculty Search Committee, Graduate Institute of Food Science and Technology, National Taiwan University, 1 Roosevelt Road, Section 4, Taipei, Taiwan 10617

Assistant/Associate Professor, Department of Nutritional Sciences

One full-time tenure-track faculty position is available in the Department of Nutritional Sciences at the University of Cincinnati as early as September 2007. Requirements: doctorate in nutrition or closely related area; significant graduate course work in human nutrition; relevant professional experience; teaching experience; demonstrated research competency; RD status required. Responsibilities: teach undergraduate and graduate courses in basic nutrition, community nutrition and nutrition counseling, student advising, conduct research in collaboration with interdisciplinary research teams, participate in academic and professional service. Send

letter of application, vitae, transcripts, and 3 current letters of recommendation to: Shanil Juma, Ph.D., Chair of Search Committee, Department of Nutritional Sciences, P.O. Box 670394, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH 45267-0394. **Position Title: Registered Clinical Dietitian; Location: McHenry, IL; Classification: Healthcare/Nutrition**

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University of Minnesota. Department Head, Department of Food Science and Nutrition.

The College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences is pleased to announce the search for a Department Head with Faculty Rank for the Department of Food Science and Nutrition. We are searching for candidates with vision, energy and enthusiasm to provide dynamic, innovative leadership to the department's teaching, research, outreach and service. Responsibilities include: providing visionary leadership to advance the strengths of the department to promote human health through nutrition and food science; cultivating the synergistic potential of multiple disciplinary areas; supporting and developing department priorities and goals, particularly those related to innovative cross-disciplinary or interdepartmental collaboration; fostering collaboration among faculty and staff to accomplish departmental goals for teaching and learning, research and discovery, and outreach and service; administering and managing the allocation of all departmental resources; representing and serving as an advocate for the Department within the college and the University, and to the wider community. A complete position description is available at: employment.umn.edu and search requisition #147813. This is a 12-month annually renewable administrative appointment, with an initial appointment period of three years, and a 12-month tenured faculty position as a Professor in the Department. Desired starting date for this position is negotiable. Salary will be competitive and commensurate with experience and qualifications; the Department Head is responsible administratively to the Deans of the College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences, and is a member of the college executive committee. Review of applications will begin July 2nd, 2007 and continue until the position is filled. Please apply online at <http://employment.umn.edu> and search for Requisition #147813 and attach the following: 1) letter indicating interest in the position and how the qualifications are met; 2) a complete vitae; 3) statement of philosophy of leadership and vision as it relates to the future of a department of nutrition and food science (not to exceed 2 pages); and 4) the names, addresses and telephone numbers of at least 3 references. You may also send materials to: Food Science and Nutrition Search Committee, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences, 277 Coffey Hall, 1420 Eckles Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55108, phone: 612-624-8439; confidential fax: 612-625-7076; email:

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Professor and Coordinator of the Functional Foods Initiative, University of Connecticut

Professor, Nutritional Sciences, 80% research and 20% teaching, 9 month appointment, tenured (or tenure track). **Start Date:** January 2008 (negotiable). **The Position:** The successful candidate for this position will be expected to lead and coordinate a multidisciplinary Functional Foods Research and Educational Initiative at the University of Connecticut. The University has committed three tenured/tenure track positions (including this one) to this initiative, which is also supported by an endowment. The appointee will play a key role in reinforcing the mission, direction and oversight of the research and teaching program, and will be expected to guide and manage its future activities. In addition to its primary focus of basic research into functional foods, and studying their mechanisms of action, the program will emphasize the transfer of these research findings to industry and the public in general. He/she will be expected to collaborate with both the program's faculty and other colleagues in seeking grants and contracts from federal agencies and industry.

Qualifications and Requirements: The successful candidate must have a PhD in nutritional sciences or a relevant discipline. He or she should be a full professor, or be eligible for promotion to the rank of full professor, and have a demonstrated record of outstanding research in the area of functional foods. Excellent oral and written communication skills are an essential requirement of this position, as is the ability to lead and manage a research team.

Related Information: This faculty appointment will be in the Department of Nutritional Sciences, which is one of eight departments in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. The Department's research programs include the areas of molecular and cellular nutrition, metabolism, and community-based research. More information about the Department may be found at <http://www.canr.uconn.edu/nusci/>

TO APPLY: Send your curriculum vitae with a statement of research interest/experience, and the names, addresses, e-mail addresses, and phone numbers of five references to: **Dr. Ian Hart, Associate Dean for Research and Advanced Studies, Chair of the Search Committee, University of Connecticut, 1392 Storrs Road, Unit 4010, Storrs, CT 06269-4010.** Applications and supporting materials will be reviewed beginning June 4, 2007 and will continue until the position is filled. Please direct enquiries to Dr. Hart at ian.hart@uconn.edu. The University of Connecticut is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer and actively seeks diversity among its employees. **(Search # 2007143)**

DATELINES

Dateline Canada ... with Gordon Zello

From the University of Toronto... **Harvey Anderson** became a Fellow of the American Society of Nutrition at the recent *Experimental Biology* meeting in Washington. **Lilian Thompson** celebrated her retirement in November, 2006. She was honored for 37 years of exceptional service and contribution to the Department of Nutritional Sciences. A Graduate Award for Excellence has been established in her honor. **Dr. Thompson** has also been promoted to Professor Emeritus and continues to maintain a very active research program. Anthony Hanley was awarded a Province of Ontario

Early Research Award for his research in the area of diabetes research. Robert Josse was awarded the American College of Endocrinologists (ACE) Distinction in Clinical Endocrinology Award. Lawrence Leiter was the recipient of the Gerald S. Wong Award of the Canadian Diabetes Association in recognition of significant contribution to the diabetes community.

From Ryerson University... Starting Fall 2007, Ryerson University, through the School of Graduate Studies and the School of Nutrition, will launch a new Master's program in Nutrition Communication, leading to an MHS in Nutrition Communication (<http://www.ryerson.ca/graduate/nutrition/>)

From the University of Guelph... Paula Brauer has been promoted to Associate Professor. **Andrea Buchholz** and **Janis Randall Simpson** have both been awarded tenure. Heather Keller was named Fellow of Dietitians of Canada at the annual Dietitians of Canada conference in 2006.

From Health Canada, Ottawa... After 35 years with the Nutrition Research Division, Bob Peace retired in March. He worked in the water soluble vitamin area, and recently took on the responsibility for establishing the CHMS reference lab in the Division. Two new research scientists, **Alfred Aziz** and Marcia Cooper, joined the Nutrition Research Division in April. **Dr. Aziz** just completed a Health Canada post-doctoral fellowship with Nimal Ratnayake in the Division, while Dr. Cooper worked as a nutrition evaluator in the Nutrition Evaluation Division of the Bureau of Nutritional Sciences at Health Canada. Previously, she too completed a Health Canada PDF with **Mary L'Abbé**.

From McGill University... **Harriet Kuhnlein** became a Fellow of the American Society of Nutrition during the 2007 *Experimental Biology* meeting. **Dr. Kuhnlein** was awarded the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, at the Spring Convocation of The University of Western Ontario in June, and gave the convocation address. In February, The Centre for Indigenous Peoples' Nutrition and Environment (CINE) had the delightful experience of holding a conference of the Global Health partners of the International Union of Nutritional Sciences (IUNS) Task Force on Indigenous Peoples Food Systems and Nutrition at The Rockefeller Centre in Bellagio, Italy. The conference was led by **Dr. Kuhnlein** and Chief Bill Erasmus (Assembly of First Nations, Yellowknife). Discussions were held on the policy aspects of traditional food research with Indigenous Peoples. As well, academic and community partners from the 12 case studies finalized chapters for a book to be published in Fall, 2007, by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. **Dr. Kuhnlein** went on the Standing Committee on Nutrition (SCN) of the United Nations agencies in Rome and presented an update of the project to the Task Group on Household Food Security of the SCN. Luis Agellon of the School of Dietetics and Human Nutrition was appointed a Canada Research Chair Tier I in Nutrigenomics and joins the School from the University of Alberta. His research aims to understand how nutrients and hormones regulate expression of genes and coordinate metabolic processes. **Hope Weiler** and **Linda Wykes** received The Norman Kretchmer Memorial Award in Nutrition and Development and ASN Bio-Serv Award in Experimental Animal Nutrition, respectively, at the *EB* meetings in Washington. **Dr. Wykes** also had her William Dawson Scholar Award renewed for a second term.

From Memorial University of Newfoundland... Sean and **Margaret Brosnan** were appointed Adjunct Professors of Paediatrics-Nutrition, at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. They spent 6 weeks, in February/March of this year, at the Children's Nutrition Research Center and the Texas Children's Hospital in Baylor. Sukhinder Kaur is on sabbatical leave till

August 2007. She is spending her sabbatical time at the Cardiovascular Research Center, St. Boniface General Hospital, Winnipeg. She is expanding her research area to explore the importance of nutrients in regulating the function of the heart. Dr. Kaur was invited to present her findings at the 11th World Congress on Clinical Nutrition, held in Mumbai, India. Janet Brunton and **Robert Bertolo** have been granted tenure. **Dr. Bertolo** received the International Life Sciences Institute of North America (ILSI) Future Leader Award, for a research program titled "Early Nutrition and the Development of Adult Diseases".

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Dateline Latin America and the Caribbean...with Homero Martinez

From Guatemala... **Odilia Bermudez** visited Guatemala on two occasions in the early months of 2007 to work with her colleagues at INCAP (FAO sponsored) to validate a rapid field instrument to capture food intake related to food security. She also worked with her collaborators at CeSSIAM on their project assessing the secular trend in food habits from the 1950s to the present. **Helena Pachon** left her base in Colombia to visit Antigua Guatemala for a week in April in her dual roles as a professional with Harvest Plus and AgroSalud. She was guest speaker at a one-day meeting of Members of the AgroSalud Project, where she gave a talk on the retention and bioavailability of nutrients in home-cooked and industrially processed beans. **Dr Pachon** chaired a 5-day meeting on Global Changes, Trends, Effects and Perspectives for Central American and Caribbean Agriculture through 2020 of the Annual Meeting of the Cooperative Central American Program for Improving Crops and Livestock. Finally, **Helena** met with María-Eugenia Romero and Raquel Campos of CeSSIAM over planning for an inquiry into the extent and format of consumption of the five staple food crops of central interest to the biofortification activities of Harvest Plus: corn, beans, rice, sweet potato, and yucca. In April, the phase of field intervention activities of the Madres de Maíz project on low-phytate maize came to an end and were marked with a closing town meeting in San Juan Comalapa, organized by Manolo Mazariegos of CeSSIAM. Jamie Westcott represented the collaborating team from the University of Colorado, headed by **Michael Hambidge** and **Nancy Krebs**. CeSSIAM, INCAP and FANCAP were the local, Guatemalan collaborating institutions. In the week leading up to *EB2007*, the American Institute for Cancer Research (AICR) hosted a contingent of four professionals from CeSSIAM: Liza Hernández, Gabriela Montenegro, **Noel Solomons**, and **Marieke Vossenaar**, at their Washington headquarters. The CeSSIAM group presented a seminar on dietary habits in Guatemala as they relate to the cancer prevention recommendations of the WCRF and AICR and their concordance with the appropriate eating behaviours. **Noel Solomons** also traveled to Istanbul to the inaugural Micronutrient Forum, where he presented a memorial tribute to **Rainer Gross** in the opening session. He also traveled to the inaugural Congress of the Federation of African Nutrition Societies (FANUS) in Ouarzazte, Morocco, where he gave another **Rainer Gross** tribute and presented on the topic Anemia, Infection and Immunity in the Symposium on Immunonutrition

From Colombia... During the "8th Annual Rice Day" in Santa Cruz, Bolivia in March, **Helena Pachon** gave a talk to rice breeders and producers on the AgroSalud crop biofortification project for Latin America and the Caribbean and the research

strategy that will be followed to evaluate the nutritional impact of biofortified crops. At the Micronutrient Forum in April, she presented a poster on behalf of a consortium of institutions evaluating the nutritional impact in pre-school children of consuming nutritionally enhanced beans and maize.

From Mexico... During the Micronutrient Forum recently held in Istanbul, **Lynette Neufeld** presented results of the successful use of sprinkles in preventing anemia in children under two years of age in urban Mexico, in the context of a randomized, community-based efficacy trial, carried out within the Oportunidades program.

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Dateline East...with Robert Jackson

From the Center for Food, Nutrition, and Agriculture Policy at the University of Maryland... **Maureen Storey** spoke on "Challenges of communicating risk to the public in a crisis" at the Annual Meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) in San Francisco, February 16. Her presentation was at the invitation of The European Commission (EC) Joint Research Center and was part of a symposium on "Food Safety and Health: Whom Can You Trust?" National Public Radio's "Justice Talking" featured a national broadcast on food safety on March 12. Host Margot Adler interviewed **Dr. Storey** who spoke about the complexity of the 100+ year-old U.S. food regulatory system and offered other thoughts about animal cloning and the FDA risk assessment. **Dr. Storey** and Richard Forshee published an in-depth report on consumers' understanding, knowledge and beliefs about animal cloning. The authors presented a webinar on May 31, 2007 to discuss some of the report's findings. To order a copy of the report, go to: <http://www.agresearch.umd.edu/CFNAP/files/AnimalCloningOrderForm.pdf>. Richard Forshee spoke on "The case of methylmercury and lack of omega-3 fatty acids," at the National Fisheries Institute Technical meeting in Orlando, FL, February 1, 2007. CFNAP announced the release of the Executive Summary of its Ceres® Forum on *Beer: To Your Health!* The summary can be found at: <http://agresearch.umd.edu/CFNAP/>.

From Rutgers University, The State University of New Jersey... **Daniel Hoffman** gave a seminar on "Use of Stable Isotopes to Evaluate Programs to Prevent Stunting" at the International Atomic Energy Agency of the United Nations in Vienna, Austria. **Malcolm Watford** has returned from his year-long sabbatical at the Autonomous University of Barcelona, Spain.

From the Graduate Program in Nutrition at The Pennsylvania State University... **Catharine Ross** presented a seminar on "Retinoid Regulation of Retinoid Metabolic Pathways," at the University of Minnesota, Department of Pharmacology, on March 23, 2007. **John Beard** (PSU) with **James Connor** (Hershey Medical Center), and two clinicians from Johns Hopkins University, attended the World Association of Sleep Medicine, 2nd World Congress, in Thailand, February, 14, 2007. They presented a Special symposium on Brain Iron and Restless Legs Syndrome (results from their Program Project grant). **Dr Beard** also attended the BioIron meeting in Kyoto, Japan on April 06, 2007; had an opportunity to present data on changes in brain iron and dopamine across the diurnal cycle. **John** also attended the Consequences and Control of Micronutrient Deficiencies forum in Istanbul, Turkey, April 16-18, 2007,

presenting both a poster presentation on prediction equations for iron absorption as well as a special session on the interactions between micro nutrients and biomarkers of inflammation. **John E. Smith** received the Outstanding Senior in Nutrition Award for excellence and service to Nutrition Undergraduates by the Penn State Nutrition and Dietetics Alumni Society. **Sherry Tanumihardjo**, University of Wisconsin, was the recipient of the 2007 Ruth L. Pike Lecture Series and presented a seminar "Pigs to Policy or Policy to Pigs: When Science Comes after Vitamin A Program Implementation". **Shelly Nickols-Richardson** joined the Nutritional Sciences Department at Pennsylvania State University in January 2007.

From the University of Massachusetts Amherst... Hiromi Gunshin attended the BioIron 2007 meeting, which was held in April 2007 in Kyoto, Japan. She gave a talk entitled "Metal Distribution and Gene Expression Profile in DMT1 Knockout Mice" and co-chaired a session at the meeting entitled "Regulatory System of Iron Metabolism." While in Japan, Dr. Gunshin also gave a talk in Kyoto on "Molecular Mechanisms of Iron Accumulation in the Tissues" for the Japan BioIron Society and spoke at the University of Tokyo on "Molecular Genetic Approaches to Understanding a Cellular Portal for Iron." Dr. Gunshin received a Scientist Development Grant from the American Heart Association to study molecular mechanisms of cardiac iron accumulation. **Alayne Ronnenberg** was recently named a Contributing Editor to *Nutrition Reviews*. The annual Virginia A. Beal lecture was held in April, with keynote speakers **Nancy Wellman** of Florida International University and **Joanne Curran Celentano** of the University of New Hampshire.

From the Jean Mayer USDA Human Nutrition Research Center on Aging at Tufts University... **Robert Russell**, Center Director, has been named a Fellow of the American Society for Nutrition for his distinguished career in nutrition. **Jeffrey Blumberg** presented seminars on nutrition and aging this month in programs organized by the Singapore Health Promotion Board and Centre for Third Age and also the Department of Geriatric Medicine at Alexandra Hospital in Singapore as well as at the Subang Jaya Medical Centre in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. **Alice Lichtenstein** delivered two talks: "Soy Protein and Soy Derived Isoflavones; Plasma Lipid Levels and Cardiovascular Disease Risk," Women's Health Forum: Navigating Health Information, American Nurses Association and National Consumers League, Washington, DC; and "Evidence-based review process to link dietary factors with chronic disease," Food and Nutrition Board, Institute of Medicine, Washington, DC. **Jose Ordovas**, Director of the Nutrition and Genomics Laboratory at the Jean Mayer USDA Human Nutrition Research Center on Aging at Tufts University, has been named president of the scientific advisory board of Instituto Madrileño de Estudios Avanzados (IMDEA-Alimentación), a new institute of excellence in research created by the government of Madrid in coordination with universities, research centers and industry. The mission of the institute is to improve public health through nutrition research focused on nutrigenomics, and food quality and safety. In addition to serving as president of the scientific advisory board, **Dr. Ordovas** is also serving as president of the board of trustees of the IMDEA Foundation. **Allen Taylor** of the Nutrition & Vision research lab was a speaker at the May 2007 Association for Research in Vision & Ophthalmology's Plenary Symposium, presenting "Functions for the ubiquitin pathway in eye homeostasis, cell proliferation and development: Expression of K6W ubiquitin confirms critical roles for the ubiquitin proteasome pathway in lens formation and function."

From University of Connecticut... **Nancy Rodriguez** gave an invited lecture titled "Energy balance and protein utilization in the endurance athlete: extending research to practice" in

the Mainelli Seminar Series in the Department of Nutrition and Food Sciences at the University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI (April 5th). **Dr. Rodriguez** also gave a presentation, "The health benefits of whey protein", at the Sports, Cardiovascular and Wellness Nutritionists (SCAN) Symposium in Austin, TX (April 15th). The Connecticut NIH EXPORT Center for Eliminating Health Disparities among Latinos (CEHDL, www.cehdl.uconn.edu), led by **Rafael Pérez-Escamilla**, is the recipient of the 2007 C. Peter Magrath/ W K Kellogg Engagement Award-North East Region. CEHDL will be recognized with this award at the Outreach Scholarship Conference organized by the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges (NASULGC) in Madison, Wisconsin, October 7-9, 2007. As part of this award CEHDL will make a presentation at this conference, will receive \$9,500 to foster the area of Latino health disparities at UConn and beyond, and has been invited to publish an article on CEHDL in the *Journal of Higher Education Outreach and Engagement*. **Rafael Pérez-Escamilla** organized, chaired & presented at the workshop "The Connecticut Center for Eliminating Health Disparities among Latinos." This workshop was part of the event "Eliminating health disparities by 2010: Economic and moral imperatives", 2007 New England Regional Minority Health Conference, Foxwoods Conference Center, Mashantucket CT, April 2, 2007. **Dr Pérez-Escamilla** gave the seminar "Health Disparities among Latinos: From research to action." Department of Nutritional Sciences, Rutgers University, New Brunswick NJ, April 11, 2007. **He** was a keynote speaker at the 11th Congress of Pediatrics, Sao Paulo Pediatric Society, Sao Paulo, Brazil, March 19-20, 2007. His talks were entitled "Evidence-based breastfeeding promotion: The baby friendly hospital initiative", "Monitoring of breastfeeding support in maternity wards: The MADLAC system", and "Public nutrition in Latin America and the Caribbean: Trends and progress." **Rafael** gave the invited talk "Negotiating the tenure track process: Supporting the promotion and retention of under-represented ethnic minority faculty." The World Room, School of Journalism, Columbia University, New York, April 10, 2007. The Nutritional Sciences Seminar Series for Spring 2007 included three invited presentations: on March 21st **Mark Failla** (The Ohio State University) presented "Bioavailability of carotenoids: Applications of in vitro models"; on April 11th, **Robert Ross** (President, Business & Technology Consulting) presented "Functional Foods: An Industry Perspective", and on April 24th **Josep Bassaganya-Riera** (Virginia Tech) presented "Nutritional Regulation of Inflammation and Immunity".

From New York University ... **Marion Nestle's** latest book, *What to Eat*, won a "Book for a Better Life" award from the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. It was issued in paperback in April. Recent appearances have included lectures at the University of Wisconsin, University of Kentucky, Ithaca College, the Library of Congress, and the Koshland Science Museum in Washington, DC. **Beth Dixon** gave a talk on Measuring Dietary Patterns in Relation to Cancer Risk at the Nutritional Sciences Seminar series at Rutgers University. This spring, Beth Dixon and Domingo Pinero received Teaching Excellence Awards from the Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development at NYU.

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MEMBER ALERT: *All of us across the Atlantic are starved for all the news of our colleagues in The Netherlands and Europe. Please communicate your news to Drs Winkhofer-Roob and Van Wouwe at the addresses listed at the end of the Dateline.*

Dateline The Netherlands and Europe ...with Jacobus Van Wouwe and Brigitte Winkhofer-Roob

On December 15, 2006, a sponsored symposium was organized entitled 'Nutritional programming', chaired by H.S.A. Heymans, of the Amsterdam Medical Center. Presentations were made on "Programming and overweight" by H.A. Delemarre, Free University Amsterdam; "Nutritional Programming, its concepts, challenges and advantages" by **J.B. van Goudoever**, Erasmus Medical Center Rotterdam; "Iron deficiency in cognitive development" by Y. Vandenplas, Free University, Brussel, Belgium; "Intestinal flora and the mucosal immune system" by Dr. E.E.S. Nieuwenhuis, Erasmus Medical Center Rotterdam; "Development of food preference in infants" by Ir. K. de Graaf, Wageningen University and on "Long term effects of intra-uterine under nutrition (lessons from the Dutch Famine)" by T.J. Roseboom, Amsterdam Medical Center. The symposium was attended by over 100 medical doctors, mostly pediatricians.

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Dateline North...Darlene Berryman

From Iowa State University...Tim Stahly, a well known swine nutritionist, died unexpectedly on February 27, 2007. **Ron Horst** retired from the USDA National Animal Disease Center on December 31, 2006 to become a private entrepreneur. **Diane Birt** was appointed to the IFT Expert Report Panel on 'Making Food Safety Decisions When the Science is Incomplete.' She received the College of Human Sciences 2007 Research Award at Iowa State University and accepted the recognition with a presentation on 'Can we improve Echinacea as a cold remedy?' **Don Beitz** received the Champion Award from the Program for Women in Science and Engineering at Iowa State University at the Program's 25th anniversary banquet for his continuing support of women students in the sciences

University of Illinois at Urbana...**Kelly Swanson** provided a seminar in the Department of Nutrition and Food Science at Texas A&M University entitled "Studying Obesity in Pets: Can Man's Best Friend Teach us a Few Tricks?" in April. **Kelly Tappenden** is the recipient of a Teacher Fellow Award from the North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture (NACTA). One of the central purposes of NACTA is to recognize those individuals whose efforts represent the very best in agricultural higher education. Criteria included in the evaluation are the instructor's teaching philosophy; evaluations submitted by current students, alumni, administrative officers, and peers; a self-evaluation as well as factors such as availability to students, teaching innovations, and departmental/institutional activity. **She** will receive the award at the annual NACTA conference, which will be held at the U of Illinois in June 2007. Tory Parker, a graduate student with Nicki Engeseth, will receive the NACTA Graduate Student Teaching Award. The Division of Nutritional Sciences was pleased to host the following speakers in the Spring 2007 Seminar Series: **Barry Levin** (VA Medical Center, East Orange, NJ), **Eric Hentges** (USDA Center for

Nutrition Policy and Promotion), Tim Moran (Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine). Christopher B. Newgard (Sarah W. Stedman Nutrition and Metabolism Center and Duke University Medical Center) was the keynote speaker at the Division of Nutritional Sciences' "Nutrition Symposium 2007", which was organized by the NS Graduate Student Association. Dr. Newgard's presentation was entitled "Comprehensive metabolic analysis for understanding of diabetes and obesity mechanisms".

From Michigan State University...While we were all at EB2007 in Washington DC, **Pam Fraker** was elected to the National Academy of Science. Speakers at the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition Spring Seminar Program included **Linda Meyers**, Director, Food and Nutrition Board, Institute of Medicine, who presented a seminar entitled "From Research to Action and Back-The Case of Food Marketing to Children"; **Patrick Stover**, Director, Division of Nutritional Sciences, Cornell University, who spoke on "Folic Acid, Cancer and Birth Defects: Managing Genome Stability and Expression"; **Steven Zeisel**, Associate Dean for Research, School of Public Health, University of North Carolina, who discussed "Human Requirements for the Nutrient Choline: The Importance of Nutrigenomics"; **Clare Hasler**, Executive Director, Robert Mondavi Institute for Wine and Food Science, University of California-Davis, who spoke on "Functional Foods in Promoting a Healthy Heart" ; and **Ronald Prior**, USDA ARS, Arkansas Children's Nutrition Center, who presented on "Anthocyanins and Health: Metabolism, Obesity and Cancer".

From The Ohio State University...**Anne Smith** received the 2007 Outstanding DPD Educator Award at the Annual Meeting of the Ohio Dietetic Association. **Steve Clinton** was recognized by the OSU Department of Human Nutrition in appreciation for his enthusiastic leadership and advocacy for the critical role of diet in the prevention of disease since joining the College of Medicine in 1998. **Martha Belury** delivered the Keynote Lecture, "Conjugated linoleic acid and insulin resistance: Evidence for adipokines as key players", at the CLA Summit in Kananaskis, Canada. **Martha** also gave invited talks on "Fitting nutrition into your genes" at the annual meetings of the West Virginia and Oregon Dietetic Associations, and "Nutrition for women - all life long" at the annual meetings of the Kentucky Dietetic Association and the New York Nutrition Professionals. **Lydia Medeiros** gave an invited lecture titled "*Listeria monocytogenes*: Consumer issues and perceptions" at the Annual meeting of the North American Meat Processors in Chicago, IL; presented invited lectures on carotenoid bioavailability at the International Center for Maize and Wheat Improvement (CIMMYT) in Texcoco, Mexico, and in the Department of Nutritional Sciences at University of Connecticut. Recent guests for the nutrition seminar series have included **Michael McIntosh** (UNC-Greensboro, "Role of preadipocytes in mediating inflammation and insulin resistance"); **Harry Dawson** (USDA Beltsville Human Nutrition Center, "Regulation of porcine Th2-associated hepatic and pulmonary-associated immune response by vitamin A"); **John Milner** (National Cancer Institute, "Challenges and opportunities for using nutrigenomics for cancer prevention"); **Mike Azain** (Univ. Georgia, "Use and effects of fat in pig diets"); and **Jack Odle** (N.C. State University, "Contributions of fatty acid metabolism to neonatal morbidity and mortality - Insights gleaned from a piglet model").

From Wayne State University...In response to legislation introduced earlier this year, the State of Michigan is considering a phase out of trans fatty acids. The Nutrition and Food Science Department of Wayne State University hosted a Symposium on Trans Fatty Acids to discuss the health effects of trans fatty acids and viable alternatives for Michigan. This Symposium was held on May 18th on WSU campus. The invited speakers

were: State representative Lee Gonzales (primary sponsor of the House Bills), Bruce Holub (University of Guelph), **KC Hayes** (Brandeis University), Dariush Mozaffarian (Harvard School of Public Health), Richard Wilkes (Monsanto), David Dzisiak (DowAgroSciences), Gerald McNeill (Loders Croklaan), **Brent Flickinger** (Archer Daniels Midland), Laura Freeland Kull (Legislative Director, Michigan Dietetic Association), Kalyana Sundram (Malaysian Palm Oil Council), and **Marilyn Schorin** (Consultant). This Symposium was free to the public and continued education credits were offered by American Dietetic Association.

From the Interdisciplinary Nutrition Graduate Program at the University of Minnesota... John Himes was a member of an Ad Hoc Advisory Group on the construction of growth velocity standards for the Department of Nutrition and Health at the World Health Organization, and presented a paper on statistical considerations in constructing velocity growth standards for children at the group meeting in Geneva in March 2007. **Dan Gallaher** was an external examiner in the Canadian Program in Food Safety, Nutrition and Regulatory Affairs workshop evaluating the of the scientific literature on oats/psyllium and cholesterol-lowering/risk for heart disease. The workshop was held at the University of Toronto on March 14th. **Joseph Prohaska** gave an invited talk titled "Impact of Copper Limitation on Expression of Mammalian Copper Binding Proteins" at the Department of Nutritional Sciences, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA, March 2007. Lyn Steffen was nominated to serve on an American Heart Association writing group titled "Effects of Carbohydrates on CVD and CVD Risk Factors". This paper was initiated by the Nutrition science subcommittee of the Council on Nutrition, Physical Activity and Metabolism. **Frank Nuttall** and **Mary Gannon** were recipients of the American College of Nutrition Award for 2006. This is the highest honor bestowed by the College. It is given to senior investigators for distinguished lifetime achievement and contributions. The award acknowledged their fundamental and seminal work on nutrient metabolism. They presented the Award Lecture titled "Dietary Treatment of Type 2 Diabetes: A Personal Odyssey" at the Annual Scientific Meeting in Reno, Nevada, October 7, 2006. **Joanne Slavin** gave a talk on "Dietary fibre and satiety", British Nutrition Foundation 40th Year Celebration, London, UK, March 2007. Dianne Neumark-Sztainer gave a Plenary presentation: *Preventing Eating Disorders AND Obesity: What Are the Challenges and Can They Be Overcome?* at the Academy for Eating Disorders International Conference. Baltimore, Maryland, May 2007. **Mindy Kurzer** gave an invited talk titled "Soy and prostate cancer, and update," at the 7th International Symposium on the Role of Soy in Preventing and Treating Chronic Disease," Bangkok, in March, 2007. In May 2007, **she** gave a talk titled "Phytoestrogen use by women: an update" in the plenary session on panel on women's health issues and nutrition at the Nutrition and Health conference in San Diego. **Mindy** has recently been appointed to the Soy Nutrition Institute Scientific Advisory Board.

From The University of Wisconsin-Madison Department of Nutritional Sciences... **Dale Schoeller** presented a lecture on assessment of physical activity at the Congress of Investigations in Public Health hosted by the National Institute of Public Health in Cuernavaca, Mexico. **Susan Nitzke** traveled to Uganda in April to help launch a new project to provide nutrition training for village health workers. **Dr Nitzke** will give an oral presentation on the efficacy of a tailored intervention to improve fruit and vegetable consumption in economically-disadvantaged young adults at the International Society for Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity conference in Oslo, Norway, June 20-23.

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Dateline Rocky Mountains and Great Plains...with Nancy Turner

From Baylor College of Medicine... **Bill Wong** was invited to present "Osteoporosis Prevention Using Soy (OPUS)" at the 34th Annual Texas Human Nutrition Conference held at Texas A&M University, College Station, on February 2. This topic of this year's symposium was "Eat, Drink, and Phyte for Health! Phytochemicals: From Research to Reality". He also gave an invited talk on "Soy Foods, Isoflavone Supplements and Bone Health: A Review of the Existing Data and Results from the Osteoporosis Prevention Using Soy Study (OPUS)" at the 7th International Soy Symposium: Role of Soy in Health and Disease Prevention at Shangri-La Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand on March 8, 2007. On March 19, **Dr. Wong** was interviewed by Miho Watanabe, a Journalist for *Food & Life* report at the Nishinipon Shinbun Co, LTD, Japan regarding programs for the prevention and treatment of childhood obesity.

From Texas A&M University... **Robert Chapkin** was named a Senior Faculty Fellow in 2007 and was awarded the 2006 Sigma Xi Distinguished Scientist Award by the Texas A&M University Chapter. He also presented an invited talk entitled "Promoting Apoptosis as a Strategy for Dietary/Chemoprevention of Cancer" at the Department of Biochemistry and Microbiology, Marshall University School of Medicine, Huntington, WV, on March 30. **Nancy Turner** was elected to serve a one-year term as the Secretary/Treasurer for the Nutrition Sciences Council for ASN. **Joanne Lupton** begins her term as President of ASN in June. On March 20, **Dr. Lupton** presented the Texas A&M Distinguished Lecturer Series seminar. She spoke on "From Molecules to Food Patterns: the Challenge of Developing a National Nutrition Policy". **Joanne** was awarded the Texas A&M Distinguished Achievement Award for Research on May 1. Speakers for the Spring Intercollegiate Faculty of Nutrition seminar series included: **Juan C. Marini** from the CNRC in Houston; John M. de Castro from Sam Houston State University; Michele Perchonok from NASA/JSC; Margie Clapper from the Fox Chase Cancer Center; **Werner Bergen** from Auburn University; **Sushil Jain** from the LSU Health Science Center; **Kelly Swanson** from the University of Illinois; **Peter Van Soest** from Cornell University; and Tryon Wickersham, **Rosemary Walzem**, **Susanne Talcott**, Josie Coverdale and Satya Sree Kolar from Texas A&M University. **Wooki Kim** was awarded the McNeil Nutritionals Predoctoral Fellowship by ASN. New Assistant Professors in the Department of Nutrition and Food Science include Caurnel Morgan (neural/endocrine inputs to eating behaviors), Joseph Sturino (probiotics in GI health and fermented foods), Alice Villalobos (nutrient/toxicant exposure and neural development) and Chaodong Wu (liver metabolism and obesity/diabetes).

From the University of Nebraska-Lincoln... **Nancy Lewis** was elected to the American Dietetic Association House of Delegates for a three-year term beginning June 1. Her position is that as a Research Delegate. **Janos Zemleni** was a member of the

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Review Panel for Nutrition Research by the German State Secretary for Science and Education; the panel met on February 12 and 13, 2007, in Berlin, Germany. **Janos** also presented a talk entitled "Biological Functions of Biotinylated Histones" at the University of Rochester, NY, on April 9. He was a poster judge for the Vitamins and Minerals RIS Poster Competition at the *Experimental Biology* meeting on April 28 – May 2 in Washington D.C. Yap Ching Chew and Yousef Hassan received student travel grants from both the Agricultural Research Division and the College of Education and Human Sciences to attend the *Experimental Biology* meeting in D.C.

From the University of Texas, Medical Branch... Gordon Klein recently co-edited a supplement to Pediatrics on the effect of pharmacologic agents on bone in children, which developed out of an NIH workshop. Among the topics covered were vitamin D and calcium requirements from a pediatric perspective. The supplement was published on-line this month.

From the USDA/ARS Grand Forks Human Nutrition Research Center, Grand Forks, ND... On January 21, Jerry Combs addressed the Wheat Quality Council in Kansas City, Missouri, with the presentation "Health Potential of High Selenium Wheat. **Janet Hunt** participated in the international symposium on the "Consequences and Control of Micronutrient Deficiencies" in Istanbul, Turkey, April 16-18. **Dr. Hunt** presented research conducted with support from both HarvestPlus and the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), involving ARS researchers in Grand Forks and Ithaca, NY as well as IITA researchers in Nigeria. **Her** presentation was entitled "Iron Bioavailability from Maize and Beans: A Comparison of Human and Caco-2 Cell Measurements." The following seminars were presented at the Grand Forks Human Nutrition Research Center. Lin Yan, GFHNRC candidate, presented "Selenium, Soy, and Secondary Cancer Prevention." On February 8 **David J. Waters** from Purdue University presented "Dogs Chasing Cancer Clues: A New PATH to Progress"

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Dateline Southeast...with Kathryn Kolasa

From East Carolina University... Kathy Kolasa along with Darwin Deen, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx and Dorothy DeLessio, Brown University Medical School edited the third edition (April 2007) of "Physician's Curriculum in Clinical Nutrition: Primary Care. Leawood, KS: Society for Teachers of Family Medicine." Available in Family Medicine Digital Resource Library. www.fmdrl.org also linked at AAMC's Med portal ID 159 www.aamc.org/medportal

From Mercer University... In early February 2007, Brian W. Tobin, Associate Dean and Professor of Nutrition at Mercer University School of Medicine, presented an invited seminar "The NIH-NHLBI Nutrition Curriculum Guide for Training Physicians" at Kanazawa Medical University in Kanazawa Japan. **Dr. Tobin** also presented a Grand Rounds to medical students and clinical faculty, titled *Influence of Microgravity and Spaceflight on Pancreatic Islet Neuro/Immuno/Endocrine Responses* at Kurobe City Hospital, Kurobe Japan. **Dr Tobin** traveled to Daejeon, Korea later in February 2007 to present the invited seminar "Problem-Based Learning in Medical Education" at Chungnam National University College of Medicine as part of Korea's B21 grant program for innovation in medical education.

From the University of Florida... Peggy Borum was recognized as one of two professors to receive the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences Undergraduate Advisor of the Year award. In April 2007, **Mitch Knutson** presented a talk, "Expression of ZIP14, DMT1, and TFR1 in Hfe knockout and hypotransferrinemic mice," at the International BioIron Society Meeting in Kyoto, Japan. Along with two Florida county Extension faculty, **Linda Bobroff** received the National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences' Program Excellence Through Research Award for the Extension education program, *Take Charge of Your Diabetes*. The program currently is funded by the Florida Department of Health Diabetes Prevention and Control Program, and is available for purchase (at \$20) from the IFAS Bookstore (www.ifasbooks.ufl.edu).

From the University of Kentucky. Alan Daugherty and Nancy Webb were members of Program Committee for the 8th annual conference on Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis, and Vascular Biology met in Chicago, April, 2007. The invited seminar speakers and their title of presentations at the Graduate Center for Nutritional Sciences in Spring, 2007 were: **Philip Scherer**, Professor of Cell Biology and Medicine, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, "Adipocyte-derived Factors: Impact on Insulin Sensitivity, Lipid Metabolism and Cancer"; **Michael Paggiassotti**, Professor of Food Science and Human Nutrition, Colorado State University, "Lipotoxicity in the Hepatocyte: The Role of Endoplasmic Reticulum"; **Paul A. Dawson**, Professor of Gastroenterology and Pathology - Lipid Sciences, Wake Forest University School of Medicine; "The Ins and Outs of Intestinal Bile Acid Transport". The Graduate Center for Nutritional Sciences held its Sixth Annual Symposium on "Nutrition and Oxidative Stress" supported by a NIH Training Grant on May 14. The nationally renowned speakers and their title of presentations were: **Lester Packer**, Director of Packer Laboratory, University of California at Berkeley, "Oxygen Biology: Historical Highlights. Antioxidant Mechanisms and Modulation of Gene Expression by Carotenoids"; **Earl Stadtman**, Chief, Section of Enzyme Laboratory of Biochemistry, NHLBI, NIH, Johns Hopkins University, "Effects of Nitrogen, Carbon and Phosphate Starvation on Accumulation of Oxidized Proteins"; **Tak Yee Aw**, Professor of Cellular and Molecular Physiology, Louisiana State University, "Glutathione and Cellular Determinants on Oxidative Susceptibility"; **Judith Berliner**, Professor in Residence of Medicine, Cardiology and Pathology, University of California at Los Angeles, "Oxidized Phospholipids: Products and Regulators of Oxidized Stress"; Gary Stoner, Emeritus Professor of Internal Medicine, The Ohio State University, "A Berry-based Approach to Cancer prevention".

From the University of North Carolina at Greensboro... The departmental research seminar series included presentations by **Sara Quandt** from Wake Forest University School of Medicine and Jane Aubin from the University of Toronto. Graduate Student, Heather Collieran and her mentor, **Cheryl Lovelady**, received the NC Dietetic Association Supervised Practice Scholarship for 2007-2008. **Kristina Martinez** (and her mentor: **Michael McIntosh**) received a travel award from the FASEB-MARC program to present her research at EB07 in Washington DC. **Keith Erikson** received the University's Junior Research Excellence Award 2006-2007. **Cheryl Lovelady** presented a lecture entitled "Working with the Exercising Postpartum Mom" at the Sports, Cardiovascular and Wellness Nutritionists 23rd Annual Symposium in Austin, TX, April 14, 2007. UNCG was one of 6 University of North Carolina (UNC) system campuses plus Duke, that planned an international scientific conference on genomics, proteomics, and metabolomics, which was held on April 15-17, 2007 on the

UNC Charlotte campus. The conference was entitled, "Who We Are & What We Eat: The Role of Metabolomics and Nutrigenomics in Creating Healthier Foods and Healthier Lives." International scientific leaders from many disciplines participated in the conference to discuss advances in metabolomics and genomics in agriculture, food science, and nutrition. **Debbie Kipp, Rosemary Wander** and **Laurie Sims** were on the planning committee for this conference. The UNCG conference guests were: **Michael McIntosh**, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, who gave a talk entitled "Potential role of nutraceuticals in preventing obesity, insulin resistance, and inflammation," **Simin Meydani**, Human Nutrition Research Center on Aging, Tufts University, "Vitamin E and immune response: Molecular mechanisms & clinical implications," and **Tory Hagen**, Linus Pauling Institute at Oregon State University, who gave a talk entitled "Lipoic acid improves the age-related decline in cellular responses to oxidative stress." **Larry Rudel**, Wake Forest University and **Neil Shay**, W.S. Kellogg Institute of Food and Nutrition Research were two UNCG guests that were also part of a panel discussion entitled *Charting the Future: Choosing the Pathways for North Carolina Research Campus*. This conference was a way to bring together international leaders in nutritional sciences to North Carolina to discuss the future of nutrition research as well as see the large research network, called the North Carolina Research Campus (NCRC), being built in Kannapolis, NC. The UNCG Center for Research Excellence in Bioactive Food Components is a constituent of the UNC (university system) Nutrition Research Building that is being built at the NCRC. NCRC co-locates groups of scientists from a number of the University of North Carolina system universities, including University of North Carolina at Greensboro, North Carolina Central University, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina State University, and North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University, as well as Duke University. **Debbie Kipp** has been appointed a member of the NCRC Scientific Advisory Committee.

From Wake Forest University School of Medicine...**Sara Quandt**, Professor of Public Health Sciences, Wake Forest University School of Medicine, was an invited seminar speaker in February 2007, at University of North Carolina at Greensboro: "Translating Research to Practice: The Problem of Food

Insecurity among Latino Immigrants to North Carolina"

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Dateline West...with John McNamara

From University of California, Davis...**Clare M. Hasler** received the 2007 Outstanding Alumni Award from the Michigan State University Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition on March 28, 2007

From the Center for Public Health Nutrition at the University of Washington...**Adam Drewnowski** was a speaker at the international conference on the role of fruit and vegetables in the fight against obesity, held on April 17-19 in Brussels. **Dr. Drewnowski** spoke about "The real cost of obesity" and discussed selected public initiatives for overcoming barriers to dietary change. These were the CDC funded Washington State plan for chronic disease prevention and the French national plan for nutrition and health. The meeting supplied the evidence base for the position of the European Commission on obesity and fruit and vegetable consumption and was attended by the directors general for agriculture and for health and consumer affairs. Members of the European Union Platform for Diet, Physical Activity and Health also attended. The conference was sponsored by the French fruit and vegetable growers.

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