

President's Column

I am happy to report that lots of exciting things are happening at ASN. We are making extraordinary progress in all parts of our strategic map. Our society is growing in membership and in impact. I particularly want to thank all of you who have written to me with suggestions. I really do appreciate this and thus far, most have been very positive. Keep sending me your feedback – positive or negative; it helps. I want to highlight accomplishments in each of the 6 major areas of our strategic map.

- *Improve the Quality of Nutritional Science.* I am happy to report that 9 of the 13 members appointed to the Dietary Guidelines Advisory Panel are ASN members. We have had great success in promoting our members for key federal advisory panels. We have also implemented peer review for abstracts submitted to the ASN Scientific Sessions at the *EB* meeting.

- *Increase Funding for Nutrition Research.* ASN played a key role in ensuring that the farm bill included funds for continued nutrition monitoring in the U.S. We have also been active in conducting congressional briefings on the importance of nutrition research. We are talking with key members of the Obama administration about the importance of nutrition research.

- *Strengthen Public Impact.* ASN has been very active in this area. We receive many media requests for ASN spokespersons. ASN is becoming much more visible as a credible source for reporters. We have issued 11 press releases thus far this year.

- *Optimize Publication Strategy.* Our journals continue to excel. Page counts are growing and subscriptions have been steady. Publication times have been further reduced. Our publications staff is working to evaluate new products and services that can be revenue sources for the future.

- *Provide Demonstrated Value to Members.* We now have over 3800 members and we are continuing to grow. We have surveyed our membership to determine additional ways that ASN could meet member needs and we are in the process of developing new ideas. We have also

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What's up with GPEC?

Education News from the Graduate and Professional Education Committee (GPEC) of ASN

The Graduate and Professional Education Committee of ASN is pleased to inaugurate this new column in *Nutrition Notes*. The purpose of this inaugural article is to provide: i) an overview of the structure of GPEC; and ii) upcoming education events organized or promoted by ASN. Our next column will feature descriptions of the future plans and activities of GPEC including the hiring of an education manager to direct and initiate ASN's education efforts and work with GPEC to plan and implement these activities.

GPEC is currently composed of society members (17) from all three councils who have an interest in furthering the society's education efforts. The committee is chaired by Rick Eisenstein (UW-Madison) who works with an Executive Committee composed of a liaison from the ASN

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New Orleans in the Spring!

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expanded ASN scientific sessions at our annual meeting and are developing plans for additional ASN scientific meetings throughout the year.

• **Strengthen Organizational Effectiveness and Sustainability.** Our strategic map is working. It allows us to align systems and structure with our strategic priorities. While we continue to work to increase and diversify our revenue base, ASN is in good financial shape (even considering the crazy things going on with the economy). We are well-positioned to meet our strategic goals.

There are many more exciting projects in the works that I'll discuss in future columns.

James Hill

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Executive Board (John Beard, Penn State) and council representatives Doug Heimburger (Medical Nutrition Council (MNC); University of Alabama at Birmingham), Grace Marquis (International Nutrition Council (INC), McGill) and Richard Wood (Nutritional Sciences Council (NSC), Tufts). Each of our ASN council representatives acts as a liaison between GPEC and the Executive Committee of each ASN council. In addition, there are two standing sub-committees of GPEC: Continuing Medical Education (CME) chaired by Ronenn Roubenoff (Biogen Idec) and the Committee for Professional Nutrition Education (CPNE) chaired by Doug Seidner (Vanderbilt). Finally, Anne Meyers has provided outstanding assistance and advice to GPEC and its subcommittees of which we are most appreciative.

Results from the GPEC Educational Needs

Survey: We thank ASN members for their input on the GPEC Education Survey this past spring. We solicited perceived educational and professional development needs of ASN members in the area of teaching resources, professional development, continuing medical education and fostering ASN interactions. The full Executive Summary is available for download from the ASN website: www.nutrition.org/GPEC2008surveyExecSum Many thanks to Richard Wood and J.J. Morgan (ASN) for making this survey a reality. The major conclusions concerning priority areas of effort from the survey were:

(1) **Teaching Resources-** very strong support from our members for additional web-based access to more teaching-related resources, such as nutrition and disease case studies, PowerPoint slides and lecture material, paradigm-shifting events in nutrition thinking, test question banks, and information updates on new developments in nutrition;

(2) **Professional Development -** the need for a greater emphasis on additional opportunities for professional development, such as the development of a 'mid-career nutrition leadership institute' and more resources for graduate student and postdoctoral researchers for development especially in the area of grantsmanship, communication skills, and better mentor communication;

(3) **Continuing Medical Education -** increased effort in the area of clinical and medical professional development, such as greater access to nutrition and medicine educational modules, developing more clinical nutrition internships, and increased ASN sponsorship of CME credit;

(4) **ASN Interactions -** increased fostering of internal and external ASN interactions, such as increased number of 'bench-to-bedside' minisymposia, development of teaching resources that use a 'bench-to-bedside' theme, and development of more opportunities for interactions with representatives from industry and government.

Additional information concerning selected current and future planned GPEC actions related to the areas of membership interest identified in the educational needs survey and other initiatives will be presented in the next and subsequent issues of *Nutrition Notes*. Stay tuned in to keep informed and send us your new thoughts and suggestions (**Richard.Wood@tufts.edu**) to help make the ASN a richer experience for everyone!

GPEC Events at EB-09: GPEC has several exciting education events scheduled for *EB 09*. On Saturday April 18 we will hold the **GPEC Education Forum** organized by Richard Deckelbaum (Columbia), Doug Heimburger, Grace Marquis and Rick Eisenstein. The topic will be on "**Nutrition in Global Health Education**" with topics ranging from "*Public-Private Efforts at Combating Nutrition-linked Diseases in Low-Income Countries: Does Student Education Have a Role?*" to "*How Can ASN Promote Nutrition Education as a Part of Global Health Initiatives*"; on Sunday April 19th the **GPEC CME Subcommittee** will hold a symposia on "**Nutrition, Inflammation and Cardiovascular Disease**" with talks including "**Genetics of Lipid Metabolism in Relation to Cardiovascular Disease**" and "**Adipokines, Inflammation and Cardiovascular Disease**" as well as "**Nutrition and the Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease**". Thanks to Ronenn Roubenoff and Jose Ordovas for organizing this event.

In addition, GPEC will provide an **Education Workshop** at either *EB '09* or *EB '10* on how to

write good-quality test questions, presented by the National Board of Medical Examiners, who manage the US Medical Licensing Examination. Many ASN members are educators and are required to give examinations to medical or graduate students or other trainees. Many educators lack adequate skills in writing test items that are focused and effective in assessing the desired knowledge. Many educators desire to improve their item-item writing skills so as to be able to write effective questions that are not "clued" so that knowledge of the material, rather than test-wiseness, is required to perform well. This 3-hour workshop will provide training in writing good quality multiple-choice test questions for examinations in all types of scientific and health education settings. More details will be available in the March issue of *Nutrition Notes*. Thanks to Doug Heimburger for organizing this event.

GPEC-supported "Non-EB" Professional Development Events: This year ASN initiated a program to stimulate professional development meetings at venues other than *Experimental Biology*. GPEC is pleased to announce the awarding of seed funds for two proposals: "*Rationale and Training for Non-Physician Medical Nutrition Specialists*" by F. X. Pi-Sunyer and Susan Ettinger (Columbia Univ); and "The role of beverages in a healthful diet" by Richard Mattes and Susan Swithers (Purdue Univ). Further details about these meetings will be posted on the ASN website. For 2008, applications for ASN sponsorship of these non-EB events were due June 30th, but next year and in future years application deadlines for non-EB meeting proposals will be in March, the same time as the deadline for proposals for *Experimental Biology* scientific sessions (March 15, 2009 for 2010). **Mark your calendars – the deadline has been changed from January 15, 2009 until March 15, 2009.**

CME Subcommittee Activities: The GPEC CME Subcommittee is working to expand ASN's efforts to increase the availability of nutrition-related continuing education programs. At EB this year, the CME Subcommittee and the Medical Nutrition Council are co-organizing the "*Nutrition, Inflammation and Cardiovascular Disease*" symposia (see above). The CME Subcommittee along with members of the Society for General Internal Medicine (SGIM) are also organizing a symposium on "*The Role of Dietary Supplements on Cardiovascular Disease, Immunomodulation, and Weight Control*" to be held at the SGIM Annual Meeting in Miami Beach in **May, 2009**. The CME Subcommittee is also working with the American Gastroenterology Association to augment the nutritional portion of the GI Fellows' Course for next year, and is reaching out to other medical societies to jointly sponsor educational events at their meetings. If anyone has suggestions for



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CME events at non-ASN meetings, please contact Ronenn Roubenoff at: Ronenn.roubenoff@biogenidec.com

CPNE Subcommittee Activities: The Committee for Professional Nutrition Education (CPNE) oversees two awards that promote the professional development of physicians during the early part of their career. These awards include the Clinical Nutrition Internship Program (CNIP) that allows medical students to work with a physician member of ASN during their training and the Physician Nutrition Specialist Award (PNSA) which provides a salary stipend to support the educational role of an academic physician who is focusing his/her career in nutrition. Details of these awards can be viewed on the website of the Society. The CPNE will explore the possibility of opening up the CNIP to graduate students in the future to promote the translation of nutrition research from the bench to the bedside by exposing these trainees to academicians who direct clinical nutrition programs. CPNE will also support programs that promote the dissemination of knowledge in clinical nutrition to professionals in medical schools, graduate and postgraduate training programs. If anyone has suggestions for CPNE activities, please contact Doug Seidner at: douglas.seidner@vanderbilt.edu

GPEC Plans for the year: During the 2008/2009 academic year GPEC is working with ASN on several issues including completion of a **Future Planning Report for Education**, expansion of professional development opportunities for graduate and medical students as well as postdoctoral and medical fellow researchers, enhancement of education resources on the ASN website, development of a mid-career leadership program, and development of additional education-related symposia at *EB* and other venues. As we all work to further the society's efforts, we look forward to your input and support to enhance the educational mission of ASN and the use of these activities to further unite us in moving the nutrition field forward. Please feel free to provide comments and suggestions to any member of the GPEC Executive Board.

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Mainly for Members



DID YOU KNOW OR HAD YOU HEARD

Originally named the American Institute of Nutrition (AIN), our society held its annual meeting in 1949 in Detroit MI. At its annual dinner on the evening of April 20, President E.M. Nelson reported on a meeting he had attended in London in June of 1948. The meeting had been convened to consider the formation of an International Union of Nutrition Sciences (IUNS). At this meeting a tentative constitution and by-laws for the proposed union was prepared and adopted. Application to the International Congress of Scientific Unions was made and acted on in September of 1949. Below you will find a list of the IUNS sponsored International Congresses of Nutrition which have been held since 1952 [after the IUNS was approved and officially constituted], where they were held and what kind of attendance was recorded. It is the mission of the IUNS "to promote advancement in nutrition science, research and development through international cooperation at the global level and to encourage communication and collaboration among nutrition scientists as well as to disseminate information in nutritional sciences through modern communication technology."

The American Society for Nutrition [formerly known as AIN and ASNS] has just accepted the role of serving as the US Adhering Body to the IUNS and as such will have much more involvement with international nutrition research programs as it fulfills this role.

One of ASN's highlight contributions to these International Congresses is the presentation of the EV McCollum International Lectureship. In 2009, in Bangkok, the lecture will be delivered by Barry Popkin from UNC, who is the twenty-first EV McCollum Lecturer.

Our total International Congress effort contributes to the support of two of the overarching goals of our society's new strategic map, [published in *Nutrition Notes* in June 2008]: to Explore International Opportunities for Mutual Contribution and to Promote Health and Reduce Disparities. The Executive Board of your society has implemented a travel grant award program so that we may be able to send a good number of our young investigators to the upcoming XIX International Congress of Nutrition to be held in Bangkok. [see pages 18-19 of this issue of *Nutrition Notes*]

The organization of IUNS-sponsored international congresses is one of the principal efforts of the International Union of Nutritional Sciences. The table below shows the attendance and number of countries that took part in the past 18 international

congresses of nutrition under the auspices of IUNS over the past 50 years.

Past International Congresses of Nutrition

<u>Place</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Countries</u>
Basel	1952	150	18
Amsterdam	1954	360	32
Paris	1957	1000	22
Washington	1960	2000	65
Edinburgh	1963	1500	63
Hamburg	1966	2100	81
Prague	1969	1800	62
Mexico City	1972	2000	66
Kyoto	1975	2300	55
Rio de Janeiro	1978	3500	92
*San Diego	*1981	2500	83
Brighton	1985	2300	92
Seoul	1989	3500	104
Adelaide	1993	2600	91
Montreal	1997	3250	92
Vienna	2001	3550	113
Durban	2005	2100	92

*In 1981, the AIN administered the International Congress in San Diego CA. The finance committee consisting of Ogden Johnson, Paul Hopper, Kendall King, Fred Mattson, Samuel Goldblith, Robert Nesheim, B. (Bernie) S. Schweigert, William Darby, Elwood Speckmann and Mattie Rae Spivey Fox, raised more than \$100,000 to support the effort. Deemed by the Congress attendees a huge success, the AIN netted \$50,000 which became the seed money for the society's current Fund for Future Congresses. Many of our current members participated in the program committee which was chaired by James Dinning who, at the time, was the Editor of *The Journal of Nutrition*. Included on this committee were, George Bray, Harold Draper, M.R.C. Greenwood, Gilbert Leveille, Boyd O'Dell, James and Robert Olson, Harold Sandstead, Barbara Underwood and Myron Winick. The publicity committee worked so very diligently that many attendees registered for the Congress shortly after the first announcement. Among the publicity heroes are Johanna Dwyer, Orville Levander, Kristen McNutt and Bruce Stillings. And not to be forgotten were the Travel Awards Committee led by Sam Fomon and joined by John (Jack) Bieri, Ken Fisher, Artemis Simopoulos, Merrill Read.

Our society must now look for new vistas in which to grow and expand our publication and networking outreach. A wonderful opportunity presents itself at the XIX International Congress of Nutrition.

Prepared at the ASN Secretariat in November, 2008



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Thank you to all the jurors who helped to identify our award recipients for 2009: [by a previous decision of the ASN governing group, the following list of members who served as jurors for this year are officially thanked]. The membership of the society is grateful.

Donald Beitz, Margaret Bentley, Jeff Bomser, Peggy Borum, James Daily III, Teresa Davis, Sharon Donovan, Johanna Dwyer, Susan Ettinger, Michael Falk, Mario Ferruzzi, Susan Fried, Susan Hendrich, Steven Heymsfield, Guy Johnson, Cathie Kapica, Cathy Klein, Barbara Kochanowski, Mitch Knutson, Penny Kris-Etherton, Brian Larson, Eric Lien, Barbara Lyle, Shelley McGuire, Naima Moustaid, Juan Navia, Mary Frances Picciano, Dan Raiten, Dale Romsos, Robert Rucker, Harold Sandstead, Neil Shay, James C Smith, Jr., Sachiko St Jeor, Richard Wood, Cathie Woteki, Thomas Ziegler

LINKS FOR LOTS!!!!

Information for *EB2009* at www.faseb.org, click on Meetings and then on EB2009

To submit a proposal for a symposium, workshop at *EB2010* visit the ASN website and dial up: <http://www.nutrition.org/media/meetings/SymposiaWorkshopTemplate.pdf>

Additionally, for a controversy session, dial up: <http://www.nutrition.org/about-asn/leadership/rises/>

To view the current ASN scientific program offerings, dial www.nutrition.org, click on meetings, then annual meetings, and then on *EB2009* Preliminary program.

To renew your membership in the society or to join ASN, dial www.nutrition.org, click on "About ASN" and then on Membership.

To access the student awards [for 2009] information, dial up: <http://www.nutrition.org/about-asn/awards/gsra-competition>

MEMBER ALERT:

The deadline for submission of symposia proposals for *EB2010* in Anaheim has been extended to March 15, 2009

ATTENTION ALL ASN STUDENT MEMBERS

All student members of ASN are encouraged to join one or more of the Research Interest Sections (RIS). This is an excellent opportunity to build strong ties with other researchers in similar fields.

To join a RIS go to the ASN website: www.nutrition.org Click on RIS Online. Logon with your member ID number and your password. Default passwords are your member ID number and the first initials of your first and last name [lower case]. Click on MY COMMUNITIES in the left hand toolbar and click SUBSCRIBE for each RIS you wish to join. Click preferences for each RIS you subscribe to and indicate how frequently you wish to receive RIS listserve email.

Don't know your member ID? Contact the ASN at info@nutrition.org Difficulties logging on and joining a RIS? Email info@nutrition.org

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Material for the March 2009 Nutrition *Notes* is due on February 1, 2009

Deadline for advanced registration for *EB2009* in New Orleans: February 9, 2009

Deadline for submission of latebreaking abstracts for *EB2009*: February 25, 2009

Deadline for hotel reservations for *EB2009*: March 15, 2009 but **DO NOT WAIT**

NEW!!! Proposals for symposia for *EB2010* in Anaheim (see page 10, this issue) are due on **March 15, 2009**

For all information concerning the ASN awards as they are now categorized, visit the *Invitation for Nominations 2010*, published in the 2009 summer issues of the society journals (and posted to the ASN website after June 1, 2009 at <http://www.nutrition.org>)

ALL STUDENT MEMBERS OF ASN – MARK YOUR CALENDARS

On Sunday, April 19, 2009, during *Experimental Biology 2009*, the National Dairy Council will once again provide a breakfast for those of our students attending the society meeting. All of us will need

to be grateful once again to Greg Miller who in 1991 telephoned the society and said: "Let's feed the students a good breakfast." And he and the Dairy Council have been doing just that ever since. The breakfast will take place in the New Orleans Marriott Hotel, room to be determined, on Sunday morning, April 19 beginning at 7:15AM. This is one grand opportunity for a great start to the day and a wonderful time to learn about the ASN Student Interest Group which is always happy to welcome new members to the fold!!!! Be there!!

Council News



International Nutrition Council (INC). We have recently completed a drive to increase our membership and it has been a huge success! Importantly, we have increased our numbers of non-US based members and junior scientists. A big thank you to all those who encouraged others to join, as it is through increased membership that we can work to make the INC the voice for international nutrition science and its application to programs and policies worldwide.

I want to remind you that there is still time to suggest symposia topics for 2010. We have a number of topics discussed at the last business meeting, that are being developed, but other ideas are certainly welcome. Please contact me or other councilors on how to proceed.

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Nutrition Sciences Council (NSC). Election News and NSC Chair Terms of Service Changes: Elections were held for the NSC this summer. Our new Chair-elect is Katherine Tucker, Tufts University; Marta Fiorotto, Baylor University, is the member at large for molecular nutrition and Shirley Gerrior, USDA, is the member at large for nutrition epidemiology, public health and behavioral nutrition. NSC thanks all the nominees on the ballot. Overwhelmingly, NSC members supported changing the terms of the Chair and Chair-elect to two years instead of the present one year. We are pleased to announce that this change has been presented and approved by the ASN Board in October.

Summer Strategic Planning Meeting Actions:

At our strategic planning meeting in June, the NSC set up three separate task forces that are developing proposals to (I) promote scientific excellence in nutritional science, (II) support ASN goals of enhancing communication to bring added value for members, and (III) increase public impact.

Task Force II, which is aimed at enhancing communication to bring added value for members, is initiating a pilot program for the next year to evaluate whether using web-based face-to-face WebEx Meeting Center videoconferencing technology will be useful to enhance ongoing RIS communication outside of the annual meeting. This technology will foster having electronic RIS meetings whenever needed with up to 25 people in attendance. Contact Cindy Davis (davisci@mail.nih.gov) RIS Chair or Richard Wood (Richard.wood@tufts.edu). If needed, the WebEx technology could be expanded to serve a larger audience. Jack Odle, Task Force II member, is organizing a series of up to four webinars this year to work as a "beta test" of our goal to establish ASN-sponsored national webinars. In addition, Task Force II is working with ASN staff member and ASN IT Manager JJ Morgan and the Nutrient Gene Interaction RIS to fine tune our current ASN website-based 'forum' communication tools to enhance RIS communication.

NSC Sponsored Symposia: Don't forget the NSC sponsored symposium entitled "*Nutritional Experiences in Early Life as Determinants of the Adult Metabolic Phenotype*" that the NSC is sponsoring at *EB2009*. Janos Zemleni and Marta Fiorotto from the Nutritional Science Council are working with Tom Ziegler and the Medical Nutrition Council to develop a joint translational symposium for *EB 2010*.

If you want to volunteer to work with the Council on any of our projects or have project ideas, please feel free to contact (susanh5@vt.edu) or Katherine Tucker (katherine.tucker@tufts.edu).

*Contributed by Susan Hutson
NSC Chair*

Medical Nutrition Council (MNC). ASN held their semi-annual face-to-face Executive Board meeting in Denver in the last week of October, Chaired by ASN President, James Hill, from the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center. I am pleased to report that the ASN remains an extremely vibrant society, with a rapid rise in membership, a dedicated and talented ASN staff in Bethesda led by Executive Director John Courtney, and significant involvement a great variety of academic and policy-related activities, including an active lobbying effort on Capitol Hill, coordinated by Mary Lee Watts. Among other items discussed relevant to MNC were the results of the ASN membership survey of member needs conducted earlier this year; plans for recruitment of new MNC members, encouraging new and younger members to participate in MNC leadership; outreach to the newly NIH-funded Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA) academic medical centers (all of which conduct and support clinical and translational

nutrition-oriented research) and their investigators; and plans for the upcoming *Experimental Biology* meeting in New Orleans. MNC is sponsoring two exciting symposia at *EB* on Saturday, April 18, 2009: "Cachexia and Wasting: Recent Breakthroughs in Understanding and Opportunities for Intervention" to be held from 10:30 AM-12:30 PM and "An Integrative View of Obesity," to be held from 3:00-5:00 PM that day. Additionally the ASN Clinical Emerging Student Leaders who were selected as finalists in the abstract competition will compete in an oral session from 1:30-3:00PM. also on Saturday. [All of these are listed on the ASN website, www.nutrition.org click on meetings and then on ASN Preliminary Program]

The MNC annual Business Meeting/luncheon will be held between these two symposia from 12:30-1:30 PM hopefully close by in a room to be announced. During the Business Meeting, we should be thinking about potential latebreaking symposia proposals for *EB2010* [Anaheim CA].

I am also pleased to announce the 2008 Clinical Nutrition Internship Program medical student awardees, their sponsoring mentors and their mentors' institutions: For 2008 these are:

Gita Rao, from Boston University School of Medicine, mentored by Carine Lenders, Boston Children's Hospital

Juliet Evans Seery, from Northwestern University, mentored by Linda Van Horn, Northwestern University

Elizabeth Ko, from the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, mentored by George Blackburn, Harvard University

Mary Lauren McCrary, from the University of Alabama at Birmingham, mentored by Douglas Heimburger, University of Alabama at Birmingham

Megan Gladden Brennard, from the University of Alabama at Birmingham, under the mentorship of Douglas Heimburger

Jessica Kim, from Temple University, mentored by Marc Hellerstein, University of California at Berkeley

I welcome any of your comments or suggestions for this newsletter and any news notes you would like me to list in the next edition. Please email me at tzieg01@emory.edu

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Late-breaking abstracts will be accepted beginning the week of December 7, 2008. The abstracts are for poster presentations only and will be scheduled on Wednesday, April 22, 2009.

Late-breaking abstracts must be submitted online at www.eb2009.org with the \$90 abstract fee by Wednesday, February 25, 2009.

Late-breaking abstracts will be published online.

Please visit www.eb2009.org for information about the meeting, including late-breaking abstract topic categories, the preliminary program, registration and hotel information. Please contact eb@faseb.org for more information.

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Complete hotel reservations by March 10, 2009.**



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DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS for the 2009 internship: February 8, 2009

Description

The American Society for Nutrition will sponsor again in 2009 nutrition internships for medical students. Each student will work under a recognized authority in clinical nutrition in a U.S. medical school or hospital. A list of available mentors, all members of The American Society for Nutrition, will be presented to each successful applicant, upon notification of acceptance, from which they may select their mentor. The internships will last eight weeks and will usually be scheduled in the summer, but other times could be arranged. The students will be exposed to both clinical and academic aspects of nutrition. Each student will receive a \$2,500 stipend for the eight-week internship.

Intern Activities

1. Visit at least one nutrition clinic (e.g., eating disorders, obesity, pediatric) each week.
2. Participate in at least 8 nutrition support rounds.
3. Attend at least one research conference each week, (e.g., lab meeting, research seminar, etc.) to be followed by discussion between mentor and student.
4. Spend a half-day with a dietitian on four or more occasions.
5. Write a 3-5 page research paper on a clinical or research nutrition topic of the student's choice, to be completed and presented to the mentor at the end of the 8- week program. A copy of this paper will be sent to the ASN office.
6. Complete an evaluation form at the end of the internship and mail to the ASN office.

Requirements for Applying

1. The application form is a PDF file.
2. Letter from your medical school confirming active student status and transcript.
3. Letter of recommendation from your medical school dean or associate dean, in a sealed envelope.
4. Letter of recommendation from a medical school faculty member in a sealed envelope.
5. Personal statement (1-2 pages).

Mail everything to: American Society for Nutrition, Clinical Nutrition Intern Program,
9650 Rockville Pike, Bethesda MD 20814-3998

Questions? Contact ASN: T: (301) 634-7051, F: (301) 634-7892, e: ameyers@nutrition.org

Notification letters will be mailed by or around April 20th.

Matching Students with Mentors. When the selected applicants are notified, each will be sent a list of mentors from whom to choose. Mentors will be leaders in the field of nutrition from medical school campuses and hospitals across the United States, and all are members of ASN. If more than one selected applicant desires the same mentor, the decision will be made by a drawing. It is also possible for selected applicants to arrange for a mentor themselves, but the mentor must be approved by ASN.



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NEW SUBMISSION DEADLINE: MARCH 15, 2009

SYMPOSIA/CONTROVERSY/WORKSHOP PROPOSALS
(EB 2010)
Anaheim CA

The ASN Symposia Advisory Committee for *EB 2010* is preparing to review submissions for Symposia/Controversy/Workshop presentations at the annual meeting in Anaheim, CA. Participating societies include Nutrition (ASN), Physiology (APS), Pharmacology (ASPET), Pathology (ASIP), Anatomy (AAA), and American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (ASBMB). You are encouraged to propose multi-disciplinary topics.

OUTLINE THE SYMPOSIUM/CONTROVERSY/WORKSHOP AND ITS OBJECTIVES, INCLUDING AT A MINIMUM, THE FOLLOWING: (Please access the symposia template: <http://www.nutrition.org/eb10/eb10template.htm> for specific proposal submission procedures).

1. Tentative session title, potential **invited speakers and tentative presentation titles**
2. Projected timeliness and breadth of interest to membership
3. The uniqueness and need to cover the topic (Has topic been covered recently at a national meeting?)
4. FOR CONTROVERSY SESSIONS, identify the ASN Research Interest Section (RIS) or Council that is most closely related. You can find a RIS listing on our website at: <http://www.nutrition.org/about-asn/leadership/rises/>
5. Name, address, society affiliation, telephone, FAX and EMAIL of both organizer and co-organizer
6. Budgetary outline

PROPOSED SYMPOSIA SHOULD NOT EXCEED TWO HOURS AND SHOULD BE EMAILED TO THE ASN SECRETARIAT AT:
ameyers@nutrition.org

NEW SUBMISSION DEADLINE: MARCH 15, 2009

From the RIS Director

The Research Interest Sections (RIS) represent ASN's strong commitment to facilitate and promote scientific exchange among ASN members who focus on specific scientific topical areas. Membership in a RIS offers an opportunity to meet, interact and network with others in your interest area. So, please join one or more RIS groups. Currently there are 15 RIS groups representing a wide variety of research interests including: Aging and Chronic Disease, Carotenoid Interactive Research Group (CARIG), Community and Public Health Nutrition, Diet and Cancer, Dietary Bioactive Components, Energy and Macronutrient Metabolism, Experimental and Animal Nutrition, Human Milk and Lactation, Mathematical Modeling, Nutrient-Gene Interactions, Nutrition Education, Nutrition Translation from Bench to Consumer; Nutritional Epidemiology, Nutritional Immunology, and Vitamins and Minerals. ASN is also facilitating the establishment of a new RIS focused on obesity. George Blackburn is organizing this RIS and will have a planning meeting at *EB'09*. See below for more information.

The RIS groups also provide a mechanism for more effective involvement of ASN members into the programs and activities of the Society. The RIS groups submit the majority of the symposia for the annual meeting and the RIS groups usually suggest chairpersons for the minisymposia and poster sessions. Symposia proposals are due March 15, 2009 [NOTE THE EXTENDED DEADLINE!!!!] for *EB2010*. Please contact the RIS chairs to coordinate the development of your ideas with them.

Encourage your students, post-doctoral fellows and other trainees to join RIS groups. Not only will this give them an opportunity to interact with other scientists with similar research interests but it also gives them the opportunity to enter the student competitions. If you have any suggestions or comments, please feel free to contact me at davisci@mail.nih.gov.

*Contributed by Cindy Davis
ASN RIS Director
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MEMBER ALERT:

The deadline for submission of symposia proposals for *EB2010* in Anaheim has been extended to March 15, 2009

Planning Meeting at *EB 09*—Formation of Obesity RIS—Saturday, April 18, 2009

After much discussion amongst members of the Medical Nutrition Committee we are going forward with the organization of an Obesity RIS. This planning meeting is important to develop our mission statement and operating procedures that includes methods and schedule of elections for officers, type and quantity of officers and committees, and term limits of officers. As the designated organizer, I hope all those interested will check the *EB 09* schedule for our planning meeting and join us on the ground level. Members interested may also email me prior to *EB 09* with your thoughts on our mission. I look forward to seeing you in New Orleans. Contact me at: gblackbu@bidmc.harvard.edu with questions.

Aging and Chronic Disease. Reminder for a future meeting in 2009: XIXth IAGG World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics: Longevity, Health and Wealth, Paris, France, July 5-9, 2009. (www.gerontologyparis2009.com) Check ecommunities for RIS information.

*Contributed by Joseph Sharkey
Chair, Aging and Chronic Disease RIS*

History of Nutrition. Although we are a scientific society, based in nutrition research, we have traditionally given attention to the history of our science. It is widely recognized that scientists, in addition to historians of science, have a responsibility for the historical record of their science. In the Nutrition Society we have developed four avenues to recognize this responsibility.

First, our *Journal of Nutrition* has traditionally published short biographical sketches of outstanding nutrition scientists who are no longer living. Second, for the past several years, the *Journal* has published occasional articles related to some aspect of the history of our science. To aid in these two tasks, the editor appoints an associate editor, and the History RIS supports that editor in seeking appropriate biographical sketches.

Moreover, since the mid-seventies, the Society's annual meeting program has included a "history symposium" in which some aspect of the historical record of our science is explored. The topics are proposed by members and selected at the meetings of the History RIS. Next spring, this symposium will focus on the significance of certain field studies conducted in villages in Guatemala. Finally, to accompany each symposium, an exhibit is developed to illustrate that year's history topic and, perhaps, additional topics. The history of nutrition collection at Vanderbilt's Biomedical

Library, as well as the Society's Archives, also located at Vanderbilt, are usually the major sources for these exhibits. The Society appoints an Archivist to aid in the maintenance of its Archives.

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Nutrition Education. Please check our e-communities site for upcoming events and general RIS information.

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Community and Public Health Nutrition.
Watch for news on the e-communities site.

*Contributed by Ed Frongillo, Chair
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ISRHML/Human Milk and Lactation. RIS members should have submitted abstracts on-line for *EB2009* (April 18-22, 2009, in New Orleans). Abstracts were due on November 5th. Graduate students and young investigators still in training and who are members of ISRHML are eligible to apply for several travel awards to the *EB2009* meeting. Applicants must be the first author on an abstract submitted for a Human Milk and Lactation *EB 2009* minisymposium. Please send a copy of the submitted abstract along with an extended abstract (2 pp, double-spaced) and a letter of support that verifies that the individual is a student or in training to Peter Hartmann by e-mail: hartmanp@cylle.uwa.edu.au by January 16, 2009.

Kathy Rasmussen and Mark Cregan will serve as Chair and co-Chair for a mini-symposium on Human Milk and Lactation. In addition, our late breaking symposium on "Immunomodulatory Components in Human Milk" was accepted and will be held on Monday, April 20th from 8-10 AM. The goal of the symposium is to broaden our understanding of the mechanisms whereby human milk components stimulate immune development, tolerance, and prevention of atopy and inflammatory response. Speakers have been selected to address the evidence for human milk proteins (Bo Lonnerdal), oligosaccharides (Clemens Kunz), lipids (Catherine Field) and human milk cells and cytokines (Anne Donnet-Hughes) in modulating the immune development of the human infant. Nancy Krebs and I will be co-chairing the symposium. Please plan to join us in room 338 of the Convention Center for what promises to be an exciting program!

The HML RIS luncheon and business meeting will be held on Sunday April 19th at 12:45-2 PM in the Marriott hotel. Please check the program for the room location!

Lastly, if you are not a HML RIS member, please consider signing up. Or if you know of other ASN members who do research in the area of human milk and lactation, please encourage them to join our RIS. It is very simple to do. Go to the ASN web site <http://www.nutrition.org/>, click on the "RIS Communities" link at the top of the page, and then click on the "Join Groups" link in the "Communities" blue box on the left side of the page.

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Vitamin and Minerals RIS. Greetings to VMRIS members and student members! *EB '09* in New Orleans is right around the corner! I would like to encourage each of you to attend the annual poster competition and business meeting (time and place TBA, and information will be posted on e-communities, as well as in the March ASN *Nutrition Notes*). In years past, we have been able to provide monetary awards to the top three presenters and plan to continue to this tradition.

Graduate students and post-docs, if you have submitted an abstract to *EB '09* as first author, we encourage you to participate in the VMRIS Poster Competition held at *EB '09*, which is held immediately prior to the VMRIS business meeting. Presenters must be a member of ASN and the VMRIS group: (register online at www.asnutrition.org to join ASN and from the ASN website -- enter and create a login to ASN E-Communities to join the VMRIS). To enter the competition, please email James Swain (james.swain@case.edu) a single-spaced extended abstract by Friday March 6, 2009. Detailed instructions for poster competition will be available on e-communities. The extended abstract must include the following: A) title and author, B) introduction and justification, C) methods and procedures, D) results and E) conclusions and significance. Awards will be given to top poster presentations and awards will be presented at VMRIS business meeting. We are also still looking for judges for the poster competition with mineral or vitamin expertise. Please email James Swain (james.swain@case.edu) if you would like to volunteer. All members will receive a notice at a later date regarding specifics of the poster presentations and judging criteria.

Finally, symposium proposals for *EB '10* are due March 15, 2009 [deadline has been extended] and we strongly encourage members to consider

submitting topics of interest to our membership. Feel free to email me with any ideas (**richard.bruno@uconn.edu**). I look forward to seeing each of you at EB '09!

Contributed by Richard Bruno, PhD, RD
VMRIS Chair
University of Connecticut

Nutrient-Gene Interaction. As mentioned in the last issue of *Nutrition Notes*, facilitating communications among members is one of the goals set for this year for NGI RIS. Toward this goal, we have activated the discussion forum in the NGI RIS Community web site to enable two-way communications. Previously, we had only the News feature where the RIS chair could post a unidirectional announcement. The forum is open to all NGI RIS members. You may start a new topic or post your comments to any existing topics. Using the forum is easy. If you log in the RIS Communities and select NGI RIS, you will see activated Forums right side of the News column. I am going to use the forum to solicit input from members regarding our RIS activities. Also, the forum could be a great way to seek expertise of members such as laboratory protocols.

Another goal is to propose a symposium for *EB 2010*. A symposium of a timely topic with good speakers will greatly benefit NGI members, and will contribute to the appeal of the *EB* meeting. If a symposium topic is interdisciplinary, we can cosponsor with other RIS or even with other societies. Please contact me if anyone wants to suggest a symposium topic. A proposal will be due March 15, 2009 [deadline has been extended].

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Nutritional Immunology. Start saving room for beignets at the Café du Monde, because *EB 2009* in New Orleans is just around the corner. Please recall that the NI-RIS is sponsoring two minisymposia: "Mechanisms of Nutrient Modulation of Immune Function" and "Nutritional Control of Immunity in Health and Chronic Disease." Hopefully, you've submitted your abstracts!

We would like to receive some feedback on the *EB2009* minisymposia. It is important that we keep our topics current and meet the needs of all members. Are these titles currently meeting your needs or would you like to see something new for next year?

Kathy Hoag, Chair, has also requested that NI-RIS members submit symposium proposals for 2010 as soon as possible, because they are due

March 15, 2009 [deadline has been extended]. You can make your submissions on the ASN web site, but please also copy Kathy by sending your ideas to **hoagk@msu.edu**. This is a wonderful way for the NI-RIS to contribute to programming at *EB*. Importantly, the ASN Executive Board has noted that there will be fewer late-breaking symposia proposals accepted for presentation in the future. Only proposals that are truly "late-breaking" will be considered after the due date, so please submit your ideas now.

Finally, please be sure to send any announcements, comments, or concerns to me at **ritz@drexel.edu**. *Nutrition Notes* is a great tool for us to communicate throughout the year. Wishing all of you happy holidays and good fortune in the new year.

Contributed by Barry W. Ritz
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Nutritional Epidemiology. Once again we will be having a Graduate Student Poster Competition at the annual meeting. Last year we had approximately 20 posters and the quality of the work was wonderful. Please encourage your students to submit their abstracts for this competition. They are due March 6th 2009. Please follow the same format as required for *EB* and submit them electronically to Anna Maria Siega-Riz at **am_siegariz@unc.edu**. Symposium proposals for *EB 2010* are due March 15, 2009 [deadline has been extended]. We encourage you to think creatively in the area of nutrition epidemiology and let us know if you want to bounce an idea around. I can post items for discussion on e-communities for the membership. I would also be curious to know from all of you if you are even looking at this communication tool and/or how we can make it better to serve our needs.

Contributed by Anna Maria Siega-Riz
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Diet and Cancer. While your abstracts have already been submitted by the time of the release of the *Nutrition Notes*, we would like to remind you that we have planned the following minisymposia:

- Diet, Nutrition and Cancer-Chair: Eva M. Schmelz
- Diet, Exercise and Cancer
- Food Components that Prevent Cancer-Chair: Elvira de Mejia
- Obesity, Aging and Cancer-Chair: Arpita Basu
- Biomarkers of Cancer-Chair: Nancy Turner
- Animal Models and Cancer Prevention Chair: Norm Hord

- Fruits, Vegetables and Herbals in Cancer Prevention-Chair: Ruth MacDonald
- Dietary Fiber and Cancer

A workshop entitled: "Obesity and cancer: The transdisciplinary research on energetics and cancer (TREC) initiative", cosponsored by the Diet and Cancer RIS and Energy and Macronutrient Metabolism (chaired by Johanna Lampe) will be held Sunday, April 19, 2009 from 3:00-5:00pm. We encourage all members to attend these exciting events.

As in the previous years, we will hold a poster competition for students and postdocs. From all applications, 25 will be selected for presentation at our business meeting, and a panel of poster judges will select the 5 finalists. The selection criteria are: abstract content (20 points), originality (30 points), relevance to cancer research (20 points), and poster presentation (30 points). The awards will be presented during our business meeting, tentatively scheduled for Sunday, April 19 from 12:00 to 2:00. In the last years, we have seen excellent presentations and since our business meeting was attended by close to 100 people, it is a great opportunity for students and postdocs to present their studies and network with fellow students and senior researchers. Therefore we ask all RIS members to please attend our business meeting and the poster competition and support the next generation of scientists!

We are delighted to have a speaker from the American Institute for Cancer Research speaking at our business meeting. Please take the opportunity to learn about this very important organization, and meet their representatives.

We are soliciting suggestions on topics for a symposium or workshop for *EB 2010*—please note that the deadline is March 15, 2009 [deadline has been extended]. All ASN members can submit a topic, and we would like to invite you to take part in the planning of the next exciting, cutting-edge and lively meeting. Looking forward to hearing from you! Happy and peaceful holidays to all of you.

Contributed by Eva Schmelz, Chair
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Dietary Bioactive Components. The Dietary Bioactives RIS is still seeking ideas for symposia for *EB 2010*. Please forward suggestions to Suzanne Hendrich, RIS Chair, shendric@iastate.edu. Include suggested speakers and their contact information. The deadline for symposia proposals is March 15, 2009, so there is still time to make suggestions and to volunteer to write proposals related to dietary bioactive components.

We are also still seeking a student representative. Volunteers or nominators for that position may contact Suzanne Hendrich. This is an excellent leadership opportunity for students!

Any other suggestions you may have regarding this RIS, please contact Suzanne Hendrich, Chair; Josh Bomser, Past Chair; Mario Ferruzzi, chair-elect for 2009-2010 or Susanne Talcott, secretary/treasurer.

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Energy and Macronutrient Metabolism.

(ASN) members who are interested in research on the function, metabolism, or utilization of carbohydrates, lipids, proteins and amino acids to get involved in our RIS. To join, simply log on to ASN-Online and subscribe to the EMMRIS group. All current EMM-RIS members who have activated their electronic subscription to the EMM-RIS Community but are not receiving e-mail announcements from the e-Community, please contact Anne Meyers (ameyers@nutrition.org) or Malcolm Watford (Watford@aesop.rutgers.edu).

Abstract Competition: The EMM-RIS Group is sponsoring an abstract competition for students (undergraduate and graduate) and postdoctoral fellows submitting abstracts to *EB 2009*. Awards consist of a monetary award and certificate for outstanding scientific abstracts already accepted for *EB09* conference presentation. Award winners will present their abstract in poster format at the EMM-RIS Abstract Awards Ceremony and Social Reception following our "Hot Topics Symposium" and business meeting (see below). Detailed guidelines for the competition can be found at the ASNS-Online link to the EMM-RIS Community. Either the student/fellow or mentor must be a member of ASN in order to apply to the competition. The deadline for submission of abstracts and cover letter is February 1, 2009. Abstract and cover letter should be sent by email attachment to Sean Adams (sean.h.adams@ars.usda.gov). Please encourage your undergraduate and graduate students and postdoctoral fellows to join the EMMRIS and submit their accepted abstracts to the competition!

EMM-RIS Hot Topics, Business Meeting, and Social Reception: As part of our ongoing efforts to foster multidisciplinary interactions between nutrition and metabolism scientists, the EMM RIS is sponsoring a Hot Topics Symposium before the EMM-RIS business meeting during *EB 2009*. This year's Hot Topics lecture will feature Christopher Lynch (Penn State Univ. College of Medicine) speaking on the link between branched chain amino acids and obesity. Afterwards, we will be

holding our annual business meeting. After the business meeting, come socialize with colleagues at the EMM-RIS Abstract Awards Ceremony and Social Reception. Look for complete details in the next *Nutrition Notes*.

Symposium EB 2010: The EMM-RIS is actively soliciting symposium ideas and proposals for *EB 2010*. The deadline to submit proposals to ASN is mid-March, 2009 [the deadline has been extended]. Please contact Malcolm Watford with your ideas and any questions.

Future EMM-RIS Leadership: Consider taking an active role in the future direction of our RIS! Contact Wayne Campbell if you are interested in serving as a future RIS Chair or getting involved on the steering committee in 2009. Elections will be held during the EMM-RIS business meeting. We look forward to hearing from you on Symposia ideas!

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Student Interest Group (SIG). Since the mission of the Student Interest Group (SIG) is to promote and facilitate interaction between nutrition students and postdocs within ASN, the SIG would like to remind all student members of ASN to make sure their dues are paid for the upcoming year. Maintaining an active membership will allow you to receive all postings and publications from ASN. We would also like to encourage student members to go online to nutrition.org and register for the SIG eCommunity to receive information regarding professional opportunities as well as SIG events.

In the upcoming year, the SIG will be hosting its fourth special session, "Opportunities for the new graduate: professional and entrepreneurial options for the M.S., Ph.D., and R.D.," at the *Experimental Biology* meeting on Saturday, April 18, 2009 in New Orleans, LA. The session will feature speakers with unique insights and tips for career opportunities after obtaining each degree.

Due to the continued success of the SIG's T-shirt sale at *EB '08*, the SIG is planning to hold another travel award contest for students planning to attend *EB '09*. Look for further details and the official call for applications through the SIG eCommunity in December and January.

Contributed by Tricia Psota, SIG Chair
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Experimental Animal Nutrition. Our primary purpose is to promote nutritional research in animal species used by humans for food, fiber, and companionship. Researchers studying exotic and marine animals are also welcome. All ASN members who are interested in animal nutrition are encouraged to join. Because RIS activities provide excellent networking opportunities, we are very supportive of graduate student and postdoc participation.

The Experimental Animal Nutrition RIS has several exciting activities planned for *EB 2009*:

Minisymposia:

1. Animal models of perinatal growth, nutrition, and digestive physiology (Chair: Jack Odle)
2. Animal nutrition strategies: Implications on human health (Chair: Xingen Lei)
3. Companion animal nutrition (Chair: Kelly Swanson)
4. Animal growth and bone health (Chair: Chad Stahl)

Abstract Competition:

An abstract competition for students and post-doctoral fellows submitting abstracts to *EB 2009* is being planned. We encourage all students and post-docs whose abstracts pertain to animal nutrition to enter the competition. Monetary awards will be provided to the winners in each category. Further instructions about the competition will be sent to participants as the *EB* meeting approaches.

To enter the competition, submit a cover letter and an ASN-sponsored abstract electronically (attached Word document) to our Chair-Elect, Sung Woo Kim (sungwoo_kim@ncsu.edu) by January 15, 2009. In the cover letter, please indicate whether the presenter is a graduate student or post-doc. Participants must be members of the Experimental Animal Nutrition RIS. For information on joining our RIS, visit the ASN website.

Social Reception and Business Meeting:

In conjunction with the graduate student/post-doc abstract competition, we plan to host a social reception and hold our annual business meeting. Elections will be held during the business meeting. Any ASN members that are interested in serving as an officer for the Experimental Animal Nutrition RIS or have questions should email our RIS Chair, Kelly Swanson (ksswanso@illinois.edu).

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Mathematical Modeling. Check the e-communities site for recent RIS news.

*Contributed by Robert Davidson,
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Nutrition Translation from Bench to Consumer. Our RIS will have a strong showing at *EB 2009* with four—yes, 4—sponsored or co-sponsored symposia. They are: (1) “Where is the science: Do current nutrition profiling/food scoring systems promote consumer intake of nutrient dense foods?” scheduled for Monday, April 20, from 10:30-12:30, co-sponsored with the Nutrition Education RIS; (2) “Translational Research From Bench to Behavior: Calcium Intake and Bone Health in Youth, on Monday, April 20 from 3-5, co-sponsored with the Nutrition Education RIS; (3) “Nanotechnology Research: Applications in Nutritional Sciences”, scheduled for Tuesday, April 21 from 3-5, co-sponsored with the Dietary Bioactive Components RIS; (4) “Unite the Sciences to Ignite Innovation – Translating Dietary Guidelines into Foods Consumers Want to Eat”, scheduled for Wednesday, April 22, 2009 from 8-10. Be sure to attend. Thanks to all who generously gave of their time to make these opportunities a reality. Please don’t hesitate to contact me if you’d like more details about these symposia, or if you would like to volunteer to help. As always, the RIS is seeking symposia funding sponsors.

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CARIG. Check the e-communities site for recent RIS news.

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Following is a list of the jobs currently posted to the ASN website:

Academic

- Assist. Prof.,** Population Nutritionist, U. California - Davis
- Assist. Prof.,** Nutrition and Food Sci., Wayne State U.
- Assist. Prof.,** Clinical Exercise Physiologist, Concordia U.
- Assist. Prof.,** (2), Foods for Health Initiative, U. California - Davis
- Assist. Prof.,** Lipid Biologist, Michigan State U.
- Assist. Prof.,** Nutritional Sci., U. Connecticut
- Assist. Prof.,** Nutrition & Food, Texas State U., San Marcos
- Assist. Prof.,** Mammary Biology, Ohio State U.
- Assist./Assoc. Prof.,** Dep't of Nutrition and Dietetics, Eastern Carolina U.
- Assist./Assoc. Prof. (2),** Health, Nutrition and Exercise Sci., U. Delaware
- Assist./Assoc. Prof.,** Nutritional Sci., U. Oklahoma Health Sciences Center
- Assist./Assoc. Prof.,** Public Health Nutr., Harvard
- Assist./Assoc. Prof.,** Human Nutr., U. Maryland
- Assist./Assoc./Full Prof.,** Human Nutr. & Food, Louisiana State U.
- Assist./Assoc./Full Prof.,** Foods & Nutrition, Purdue U.
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- Professor,** Internat'l Nutr., Quantitative Food Risk Assess., Seoul, Korea
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- Chair,** Healthy Aging, Sealy Center on Aging, U. Texas
- PhD Training Program in Space Life Sciences,** Texas A&M U.
- Postdoc.,** Molecular and Applied Nutr., U. Wisconsin

Non-Academic

Nutrition Specialist, UNICEF, Mozambique
Asst. Principal Scientist, Kraft Foods, Illinois
Scientist, Center for Science in the Public Interest, Washington, DC
Senior Advisor, Nutrition Security/Emergencies, UNICEF, New York
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Coming Events



2009

FEBRUARY

1-4 **American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition (ASPEN) Clinical Nutrition Week**. New Orleans LA.

MARCH

10-14 **American Heart Association (AHA) NPAM Joint Councils Conference**. Palm Harbor FL [Cosponsored with ASN]

12-15 **American Medical Student Association (AMSA) 59th Annual Convention**. Arlington VA

APRIL

1-3 **3rd International IUPAC Symposium on Trace Elements in Food (TEF-3)**. Rome, Italy. For more information, contact Francesco Cubadda (Symposium Chair), Istituto Superiore de Sanita, TEL: +39 06 4990 3643; FAX: +39 06 4990 2540; email: Francesco.cubadda@iss.it; Internet: <http://www.tef3-2009.it>

18-22 **Experimental Biology 2009**. New Orleans LA [See ASN website for preliminary program scheduling of ASN Scientific Sessions]

18-22 **American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) 100th Annual Meeting**. Denver CO

MAY

8-12 **American Association of Immunologists (AAI) 96th Annual Meeting**. Seattle WA

27-30 **American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) 56th Annual Meeting**. Seattle WA

JUNE

1-5 **ODS Dietary Research Supplement Practicum**. Bethesda MD

4-6 **3rd Annual Scientific Meeting: Organization for the Study of Sex Differences**. Toronto, ON, CANADA. Visit www.ossdweb.org to view the full agenda and register. Abstract deadline: March 16, 2009

6-10 **Institute of Food Technologists (IFT) Annual Meeting + Food Expo**. Anaheim CA

9-11 **Food and Function 2009. International Scientific Congress on Nutraceuticals and Functional Foods**. Zilina, Slovakia. Webpage: <http://www.foodandfunction.com/>

JULY

5-9 **XIXth IAGG World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics: Longevity, Health and Wealth**. Paris, France. <http://www.gerontologyparis2009.com>

OCTOBER

4-9 **XIXth International Congress of Nutrition** [sponsored by the International Union of Nutritional Sciences (IUNS)]. Bangkok, Thailand [see travel grant award application on page 19]. Abstract deadline: February 14, 2009. <http://www.icn2009.com/>

15-18 **Society for the Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS) National Conference**. Dallas, TX

17-20 **American Dietetic Association (ADA) Food and Nutrition Conference & Expo (FNCE)**. Denver CO

24-28 **The Obesity Society Annual Scientific Meeting**. Washington DC

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Dateline Canada ... with Gordon Zello

From the Canadian Society for Nutritional Sciences... Next year's joint Canadian Society for Clinical Nutrition (CSCN) / Canadian Society for Nutritional Sciences (CSNS) Conference will be held in Quebec City, Quebec from May 31 - June 2, 2009. **Ron Ball**, University of Alberta, was this year's recipient of The Earle Willard McHenry Award of the Canadian Society for Nutritional Sciences (CSNS). The award sponsored by the Canadian Council of Food and Nutrition is given in recognition of distinguished service in the field of nutrition by a Canadian or Canadian-based individual. **Mohammed Moghadasian**, University of Manitoba, was this year's recipient of The New Scientist Research Award. The award sponsored by the Centrum Foundation is normally made available to a member of the CSNS, who received their last academic degree not more than 15 years before the nomination deadline and who has made an outstanding contribution to research in nutrition within the preceding five years. The inaugural PhD Dissertation Award was presented to Nick Bellissimo, University of Toronto, who received his graduate training in the laboratory of **Harvey Anderson**. The CSNS would like to thank **Tom Clandinin** for his generous support of this award. Finalists in the Nestlé Nutrition Graduate Student Competition held during this year's CSCN/CSNS meeting in Toronto were A. Jahan-Mihan (Toronto), **B. Lau** (Toronto), J. Tichinsky (Guelph), **J. Saggarr** (Toronto), S. Mark (McGill), A. Gozdzik (Toronto-Mississauga), S.B. Myrie (Memorial) and Y. Jia (Manitoba). The top three finalists were **Jasdeep Saggarr**, **Beatrice Lau** and Justine Tichinsky. This year's CSNS executive members are President Katherine Gray-Donald (McGill University), Vice-President **Steve Brooks** (Health Canada), Past-President **Carol Greenwood** (University of Toronto), Secretary **Guylaine Ferland** (Université de Montréal), Treasurer **Janis Randall Simpson** (University of Guelph), Science Policy Councilor Andrea Buchholtz (University of Guelph), Awards Councilor **Robert Bertolo** (Memorial University of Newfoundland), Program Councilor and Webmaster **David Ma** (University of Toronto), and Forum Editor **Gordon Zello** (University of Saskatchewan). For more information on the CSNS awards, annual meetings and the Society please visit: <http://www.nutritionalsciences.ca>.

From the University of Saskatchewan... This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Division of Nutrition and Dietetics being established in the College of Pharmacy and Nutrition and the 90th anniversary of teaching in nutrition at the University. **Gordon Zello**, Shawna Berenbaum

and **Susan Whiting** represented the College at the Saskatchewan Dietitians Association special 50th Anniversary celebration held in September. **Gordon Zello** has been appointed Head of the Division of Nutrition and Dietetics. The Division also welcomes **Hassan Vatanparast** as a faculty member in Community Nutrition which is a shared position in the College of Pharmacy and Nutrition and the new School of Public Health

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

ATTN: All contributors to the Rocky Mountains and Great Plains Datelines: If you have an email address which has changed over the last few months, will you let either Nancy Turner or me, (ameyers@nutrition.org) know so that we can continue to publish news from your 'world'. Thanks.

From Texas A&M University... **Karen Kubena** received the 2008 Award for Dietetics Education for Didactic Programs in Dietetics for Area IV (Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Nevada, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas, and Utah) from the American Dietetic Association. **Robert Chapkin** presented an invited talk entitled "Docosahexaenoic Acid: An Emerging Mediator of Inflammation" at the Martek Workshop on DHA as a Required Nutrient in Baltimore, MD, June 20-21, 2008. **Dr. Chapkin** also visited the School of Medicine at Marshall University, West Virginia, September 17-19, 2008, serving as an external advisory committee member for their NIH COBRE "Nutrition & Cancer" grant. **Michael McBurney** gave an invited presentation entitled "Dietary Fiber: The Heart of Whole Grain" at the "Grains, Fibre, and Health" symposium, sponsored by Kellogg Company, at the XV International Congress of Dietetics in Yokohama, Japan in September. During September, **Michael** also moderated a "Fatty Acid Expert Roundtable" consisting of **George Blackburn**, Margo Denke, **Richard Feinman**, Christopher Gardner, **KC Hayes**, and **Jeff Volek**, hosted by Burson-Marsteller, in Chicago, IL. After serving as founding Department Head for the Department of Nutrition and Food Science, **Dr. McBurney** left Texas A&M University in October to join DSM Nutritional Products Inc., located in Parsippany, NJ where he will be the Head of Scientific Affairs.

From Texas Tech University... **Helen C. Brittin**, Professor Emeritus, presented a talk entitled "Food Practices, Changes, Preferences, and

Acculturation of Arabs and Thais in the United States: a Cross Cultural Comparison" at the International Federation for Home Economics XXI World Congress in Lucerne, Switzerland, July 29, 2008; coauthors were former graduate students Sophitmanee Sukalakamala and Bayan A. Obeidat.

News from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln...
Nancy M. Lewis received a Distinguished Alumni Award from the College of Agriculture and Home Economics at New Mexico State University. The award was presented October 31 during Homecoming celebrations. **Linda Boeckner** has been selected a member of the CSREES Nutrition and Health Advisory Committee. Research and teaching facilities have been upgraded by securing funds for the purchase of a high-throughput sequencer (**Michael Fromm**) and an infrared imaging system (**Janos Zempleni**). **Carolyn Berdanier** and **Janos Zempleni** published a textbook entitled "Advanced Nutrition".

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

From Chile... The 13th Trace Elements in Man and Animals (TEMA) meeting was held in Puchón in the south of Chile. Magdalena Araya is president, **Manuel Ruz** is the vice president, and Manuel Olivares is secretary-treasurer of the TEMA Organizing Committee. Among the ASN members on the Program were **John Beard, Raymond Burk, Robert Cousins, Lena Davidsson, Carmen Donangelo, Susan Fairweather-Tait, Rosalind Gibson, Michael Hambidge, Nancy Krebs, Bo Lonnerdal, Daniel Lopez de Romana, Janet King, Dennis Miller, Joe Prohaska, Manuel Ruz, Noel Solomons, Jerry Spears, Roger Sunde, and Emorn Wasantwisut. Janet King** received the prestigious E.J. Underwood Lectureship Award.

From Guatemala... **Odilia Bermudez** visited Guatemala to work with Maria Isabel Jamarillo, Maria Jose Soto and **Marieke Vossenaar** on a collaborative research project on household and institutional costs of feeding young children. **Noel Solomons** of CeSSIAM attended the McGill University Global Food Security Conference

in Montreal and presented a report on the food insecurity and agricultural prospects for Guatemala in the current food crisis. He traveled to Cairo, Egypt to attend III African Nutritional Epidemiology Conference (ANEC). [The Chair of the ANEC is **Anna Lartey** of Ghana]. **Dr Solomons** presented the keynote address in a Symposium to celebrate the 90th birthday year of **Nevin Scrimshaw**: "**Nevin S. Scrimshaw**: A Frammer of Ideas -- A Shaper of Lives." He was joined on the program of that meeting by other members of the ASN, including **Kenneth Brown, Osman Galal, Grace Marquis, Charlotte Neumann** and **Ricardo Uauy. Noel** attended the World Cancer Research Fund International Symposium in Washington DC and the 13th Trace Elements in Man and Animal in Pucon, Chile. **Guillermo Arroyave**, a pioneer in the field of micronutrient interventions, passed away in August 17, 2008. **Dr. Arroyave** pioneered work on the fortification of sugar with vitamin A, a most important public health intervention in his native Guatemala and in the rest of Central America since the mid 1970's, and also contributed to the control of other micronutrient deficiencies like IDD. For over 30 years, **Dr. Arroyave** worked at the Institute of Nutrition of Central America and Panama (INCAP), and he served as president of the Latin America Nutrition Society, as well as being a member of the International Vitamin A Consultative Group (IVACG) and the American Institute of Nutrition, receiving the Conrad A. Elvehjem Award, as well as others that he received in his own country, recognizing his fundamental contributions to international public health.

From Mexico... The third edition of *Nutrologia Medica* was introduced to the public at a book presentation session in Mexico City in October. The textbook was edited by Ana Berta Pérez, Pedro Arroyo, **Martha Kaufer-Horwitz**, and, posthumously, by the late **Esther Casanueva**.

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Don't forget the University Mixer at EB2009!!

Dateline East...with Robert Jackson

From the Jean Mayer HNRCA at Tufts University...

Johanna Dwyer was been named a lifetime National Associate of the National Research Council of the National Academy of Sciences in 2008. **Simin Meydani** was invited to present "Immune Function as a Biological Marker to Assess Micronutrient Status" at the GATES Foundation Micronutrients Assessment Meeting in August. **Paul Milbury** was invited to present "Berry Anthocyanins and Structurally Diverse Phytonutrients in Chronic Disease Prevention" at the 49th Annual Meeting of the American College of Nutrition in October. **Jose Ordovas** was appointed as a member of the Science Advisory Board of the National Center for Toxicological Research of the FDA for his expertise in nutrition and genetics. He also received the 15th Carles Martí Hennebergh Award to the Scientific Trajectory from the Danone Institute.

*From the Graduate Program in Nutrition at The Pennsylvania State University...*In September 2008

Gordon Jensen spoke at the European Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition in Florence on Inflammation and Tumorigenesis and also on the Nutritional Risks of Bariatric Surgery. **He** was also asked to serve as a member of the NIDDK-supported Study of Nutrition in Acute Pancreatitis (SNAP) DSMB.

*From Yale University...***Susan Mayne** is serving as a member of a technical expert panel in an evidence report to examine "The Relationships of Vitamin D and Calcium Intakes to Nutrient Status Indicators and Health Outcomes." This evidence report will be conducted by the Tufts EPC (evidence-based practice center) through the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) EPC program.

From the University of Massachusetts Amherst...

In April, at *Experimental Biology* in San Diego, **Young-Cheul Kim** co-chaired a minisymposium on "Dietary bioactive compounds, including botanicals" with **J.A. Bomser** from Ohio State University. **Ok-Hwan Lee**, a post-doctoral fellow in the laboratory of **Young-Cheul Kim**, received an award in the Dietary Bioactive Compounds RIS poster competition. His research focuses on the anti-adipogenic role of Rhodiola extract. In June, **Young-Cheul Kim** attended the 75th Annual meeting and International Symposium of Korean Society of Food Science and Technology (KoSFoST) with the theme of "Wellness Foods: Science and innovations" at Kimdaejung Convention Center, Korea. Also in June, **Dr Kim** was a keynote speaker at an international workshop on "Development of Functional Food Components for Managing Metabolic Syndrome," organized by the College of Applied Life Sciences at Cheju National

University and Industries, Jeju, South Korea. In August, **Srimathi Kannan**, who joined the UMass Amherst Nutrition Department in fall 2007, delivered two talks, "Professional Competencies and Emerging Career Opportunities in Public Health Nutrition" and "Biomedical Nutrition Status Assessment Methodologies and Applications in Public Health Nutrition: Projects and Evaluations" at PSG College of Arts and Science, Department of Nutrition and Dietetics, in Coimbatore, India. In spring 2008, **Jean Anliker** was the 2008 recipient of the University of Massachusetts Distinguished Academic Outreach Research Award, and **Alayne Ronnenberg** was the 2008 recipient of the School of Public Health and Health Sciences Outstanding Teaching Award.

*From The Center for Genetics, Nutrition and Health...***Artemis P. Simopoulos** attended the Annual Meeting of the HELENA project and spoke on "Genetic Variation and Personalized Diets", Granada, Spain, April 18-23, 2008.

Dr. Simopoulos is an External Advisor to this European Union funded project, that includes 10 countries and is coordinated by Luis A. Moreno Aznar of the University of Zaragoza, Spain. In March 2008 **Dr. Simopoulos** was recognized for her leadership in improving health. **She** was 1 of 9 selected women in the U.S. recognized by the Education Update in their March issue "Women Shaping History." Other activities included [in May of 2008] co-chairing the 6th International Conference on Nutrition and Fitness that was held in Athens, Greece; cochairing the final Roundtable session on the implementation of the "Declaration of Olympia on Nutrition and Fitness"; delivering the opening lecture on "Evolutionary Aspects of Diet, the Omega-6/Omega-3 Fatty Acid Ratio and the Brain" at The Brain Lipids Conference in Oslo, Norway on September 8-11, 2008; speaking at the 2nd Congress of the International Society of Nutrigenetics/Nutrigenomics (ISNN) held on October 6-8, 2008 in Geneva, Switzerland. On October 20th **Dr Simopoulos** received the LSU Chancellor's Award Lecture for her work on the Omega-3 Fatty acids, and spoke on "Evolutionary Aspects of Diet: Omega-6/Omega-3 Fatty Acid Ratio and the Brain." On October 25th **she** received the Aristeon Award from the Hellenic American Women's Council for her book *The Omega Diet*, which has been translated into 12 languages and for her service to Society. In November **Dr. Simopoulos** attended Harvard's Continuing Medical Education "Enhancing the Safety of Parental and Enteral Nutrition" in Cambridge, MA and spoke on "Omega-3 Fatty acids in Health and TPN."

*From Rutgers University, The State University of New Jersey...***Dawn Brasaemle** presented an invited lecture on "Lipid Droplet Associated Proteins and Control of Triacylglycerol Metabolism"

at the Southeast Lipid Research Conference in Pine Mountain Georgia, Oct 3-5. **Dr. Brasaemle** was the chair of a session on lipid droplet biology and presented a plenary lecture, "Lipid Droplet Proteins and Control of Triacylglycerol Metabolism" at the 49th International Conference on the Bioscience of Lipids in Maastricht, The Netherlands, August 26-30. **She** also presented an invited lecture at the 2008 Kern Aspen Lipid Conference in Aspen, Colorado, August 16-19. She also presented an invited lecture on "Lipid Droplet Associated Proteins and Control of Triacylglycerol Metabolism" at the Gordon Research Conference on Lipoprotein Metabolism in Waterville Valley, NH, June 22-27. **Nurgul Fitzgerald** gave an invited talk "Obesity and Eating Disorders" at the New Jersey Academy of Family Physicians' 2008 Summer Celebration and Scientific Assembly in Atlantic City, NJ on June 22, 2008. **Dr. Fitzgerald** gave an oral presentation titled, "Cultural and Socioeconomic Correlates of Food Label Use and Food Intake among Adults in New Jersey" at the Society for Nutrition Education Annual Conference in Atlanta, GA on July 21, 2008. [Fitzgerald N, Damio G, Segura-Pérez S, Pérez-Escamilla R. *Nutrition knowledge, food label use, and food intake among Latinas with and without type 2 diabetes*. *Journal of the American Dietetic Association*. 2008; 108(6):960-967]. The article was selected for "online extra" feature as well, which makes it available for a few articles per issue to include a PowerPoint presentation of the article on the online version of the Journal. **Dr. Fitzgerald** was an invited speaker at the New Jersey Primary Care Association's Statewide Quality Improvement Meeting in Princeton, NJ on May 9, 2008. The title of the talk was "Diabetes Prevention and Care: Where to Begin?" **He** gave an invited talk titled, "A Glance into the Changing World of Social Marketing" as a part of a teleseminar arranged by the Society for Nutrition Education, Social Marketing Division on May 13, 2008. **Daniel Hoffman** was the keynote speaker for the Department of Social and Preventive Medicine at Laval University in Quebec City, Quebec where he gave a seminar on "Growth Retardation as a Risk Factor for Obesity" on September 25, 2008. **Dr. Hoffman** gave an invited seminar on "Growth Retardation and Adult Chronic Disease" at the 4th Congress of the Argentine Pediatric Society held May 15, 2008 in Buenos Aires, Argentine. **He** was also a discussant on the roundtable for "Nutrient Recommendations in Transitional Countries" along with Mercedes de Onis, from the World Health Organization and Pablo Duran from the Argentine Ministry of Health. [**Sue Shapses**, New Jersey Obesity Group Symposium Organizer. Hormonal regulation of Obesity (Speakers: Tremblay A, Kohrt W, Leibel R). Co-organizers: D Hoffman and S Rao. (>300 attendees), Rutgers University, NJ, March 28, 2008].

*From the Department of Nutritional Sciences at the University of Connecticut Storrs...**Maria Luz***

Fernandez was invited to present her work in a symposium held in the city of Culiacan, Mexico on October 16-17 with 360 participants. **Ock K. Chun** joined the Department of Nutritional Sciences in August 2008 as an Assistant Professor. Most recently, she was an Assistant Professor in the East Carolina University after she completed her Research Faculty job at the Michigan State University with **Won O. Song**. **Rafael Perez-Escamilla** has been appointed to the 2010 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee.

*From Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health...**Parul Christian, Christine Stewart,** and Jee Rah were recently invited by Sight and Life/DSM to Switzerland for a paper writing retreat at the Kloster Kappel Monastery near Zurich, Switzerland from October 1-10, 2008. During the visit, the three were also invited to speak on Johns Hopkins micronutrient research projects in South Asia at the Sight and Life/DSM offices near Basel, Switzerland. Jee Rah, a recent PhD graduate from the Department of International Health, is currently working on a consultancy with Sight and Life. **Youfa Wang** was invited to give a talk titled "Changes and Complexities in SES Associations with Obesity and Obesity Related Health Disparities" in the African American Collaborative Obesity Research Network (AACORN) Workshop, in Philadelphia, PA, August 18-19, 2008.*

*From the Office of Dietary Supplements at the NIH... ODS is pleased to announce the addition of **Robert Russell** to our senior staff. **Kenneth Fisher**, Senior Scientific Consultant at ODS has retired. During his five years at ODS, he revised the original ODS Strategic Plan and developed the current 2004-2009 ODS Strategic Plan. In addition, he conducted review and evaluation studies on several ODS research programs, resulting in modification and refocusing the program goals and objectives to meet existing and emerging research needs. **Patsy M. Brannon** (Professor, Cornell University) has completed her Visiting Professorship at ODS. Along with **Mary Frances Picciano** and **Beth Yetley**, she led the NIH Vitamin D initiative, chaired the Trans-Agency Federal Working Group on Vitamin D from 2007-2008 and organized the NIH Conference on Vitamin D and Health in the 21st Century: An Update and the Roundtable discussion of research needs that followed the conference; and edited their proceedings published as a supplement in the *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition* in August 2008. At Supply Side West, **Christine Swanson** moderated a session entitled, *NIH Botanical Research Centers Overview*; Marguerite Klein gave a presentation entitled *Vitamin D and Health in the 21st Century: An Update*; and **Leila Saldanha** presented a poster, *Dietary Analytical Methods and Reference Materials Program: Accomplishments and Future Directions*. At the ADA meeting, **Karen Regan** and **Jody Engel***

participated in a session titled, *NIH/NCI Research Training, Funding, and Career Development Opportunities: What Every Dietitian Needs to Know*, and **Johanna Dwyer** co-presented at a session titled, *Using New Online Resources to Estimate Dietary Supplement Intake*. At the AICR Annual Research Conference on Food, Nutrition, Physical Activity and Cancer, **Paul Coates** gave a presentation entitled *Dietary Supplements for Cancer Prevention: How Common and How Useful?* **Johanna Dwyer** chaired a session entitled *Behavioral Change and Cancer*. **Mary Frances Picciano** gave a presentation entitled *Diet, Supplements and UV Exposure: Defining Optimal Status of Vitamin D and How to Obtain It*. **Christine Swanson** attended the World Health Organization Congress on Traditional Medicine in Beijing, China to discuss the global status and trends in the use of Traditional, Alternative and Complementary Medicines. At the AHA annual meeting, **Rebecca Costello** moderated a session titled, *Lifestyle in the Prevention and Management of Peripheral Vascular Diseases: Role of Physical Activity, Diet and Dietary Supplements*. Joseph Betz presented an invited keynote paper titled, *Dietary Supplements in Health Promotion and Disease Risk Reduction: Challenges, Promises and Regulatory Aspects* at the International Society for Nutraceuticals and Functional Foods. **Paul Coates** will give a presentation and attend a mini symposium and discussion meetings of the National Institute of Health and Nutrition at the Food Safety Commission in Tokyo. **Robert Russell** will give a presentation entitled *Low-Dose Dose-Response Thresholds in Risk Assessment: a Cross Disciplinary Analysis of Key Events from Vitamin A Exposure to Adverse Events* at the Society for Risk Analysis; he will also give a presentation entitled *Application of Epidemiologic Data in DRI Development: Approaches Toward Harmonization* at the International Life Sciences Institute. **Paul Coates** will present a session entitled *The Future of Dietary Supplement Research – Answering Important Questions* on January 25, 2009 at Scripps. **Mary Frances Picciano** will present at a session titled *Opening Plenary Panel: Vitamin D in Health and Disease* on February 19, 2009 at the Integrative Healthcare Symposium. Save the dates: **The ODS Dietary Research Supplement Practicum will be held June 1-5, 2009. ODS will co-sponsor the 7th International Conference on Diet and Activity Methods that will be held June 5-7, 2009 in Washington DC.**

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Dateline Southeast...with Kathryn Kolasa

From Auburn University...**Werner Bergen** presented "From Foie Gras to Non Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease: Regulation of Lipogenesis (Hepatic) in Avian and Mammalian Species" to the Department of Poultry at Auburn.

From East Carolina University...**Michael Wheeler** and **Sybille Kranz** have joined the faculty of the Department of Nutrition and Dietetics. **Kathy Kolasa** presented at the NC Prevention Partners Institute "Principles of a Healthy Food Environment."

From the University of Florida...In September, **Clarence Ammerman**, Emeritus Professor of Animal Science, received the Distinguished Alumnus Award 2008, presented by the Department of Animal and Food Science, University of Kentucky. **Jamie Collins** presented the talk "Alternative splicing of the Menkes copper ATPase (Atp7a) reveals cytosolic and nuclear versions of Atp7a protein in rat and human intestinal epithelial cells" at the 6th International Copper Meeting: Copper and Related Metals in Biology meeting in Alghero, Sardinia, Italy. **Bob Cousins** presented a keynote lecture entitled "Zinc transporters and signaling" at the Rank Prize Funds meeting on Metal Transport held in Gasmere in the UK in October. Bob Cousins' graduate student, **Liang "Charles" Guo**, received the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences Outstanding International Student Award for 2008. **Elaine Turner** was named Honorary Member, College of Human Ecology Alumni Board, Kansas State University. FSHN co-hosted the International Citrus and Beverage Conference, Clearwater Beach, FL where 400 attendees from all over the world discussed food and nutrition issues of citrus and other fruit products. Liwei Gu presented "The Science Behind Super fruits".

From the University of Kentucky Graduate Center for Nutritional Sciences (GCNS)... **Lisa A. Cassis** is the PI on the NIH Center of Biomedical Excellence in Obesity and Cardiovascular Disease awarded to the GCNS and Department of Internal Medicine to support research identifying mechanisms linking obesity to cardiovascular disease. **Bernhard Hennig** received a Fulbright Award to encourage collaborations between the University of Kentucky, and the Universidad de Antioquia in Medellin, Columbia. He will conduct research and teach a course in nutritional biochemistry at the Universidad de Antioquia. **Dr. Hennig** was also an invited speaker at the Central and Eastern European Conference on Health and the Environment held in Romania, presenting "Nutritional Modulation of Proatherogenic Effects of Persistent Organic Pollutants". **Shengfa Liao**, post-doc working with J. C. Matthews in the

Department of Animal and Food Sciences presented "Developmental and dietary regulation of animal gene expression - with emphasis on small intestinal nutrient transporter mRNA and liver global gene expression profile" by invitation at the Institute de Ciencias Agrícolas, Universidad Autonoma Baja California (Mexico).

From the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill... In May Zuzana Drobna received an Outstanding Presentation Award from the 2nd International Congress on Arsenic in the environment in Valencia, Spain for her poster on the "role of membrane transporters in the metabolism of arsenic by human hepatocytes." She was also received the Marilyn Gentry Award from AICR/WCRF. **Rosalind Coleman** was a Women in Science and Engineering Leadership Institute Lecturer at the University of Wisconsin in Madison speaking on "A surprising role for acyl-CoA synthetase-1 in β -oxidation."

From the University of North Carolina at Greensboro... In August 2008, **Lauren Haldeman** was promoted to Associate Professor and Wei Jia joined our faculty as a Professor and the Co-director of the UNCG Center for Research Excellence in Bioactive Food Components, a satellite program of the Dept. of Nutrition located at the North Carolina Research Campus (NCRC) in Kannapolis, NC. **Debbie Kipp** remains our interim Co-director of the Center. Bridgette Aidam from the Adventist Development and Relief Agency gave a talk entitled "Factors associated with, and impact of lactation counseling on exclusive breast feeding." Dianne Neumark-Sztainer from the University of Minnesota presented a seminar entitled "Project EAT: Using behavioral research to guide interventions to prevent weight related problems in adolescence."

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Dateline North...with Darlene Berryman

From Iowa State University... The Nutritional Sciences Council at Iowa State University sponsored a symposium on September 11 with the title of "Diet and Human Health Issues" in honor of the 90th birthday of ASN Fellow **Norman Jacobson**. **Wendy White** gave two international presentations this past summer: "The vitamin A equivalence of beta-carotene-biofortified maize" at the 4th HarvestPlus Maize Team meeting in Kumasi, Ghana and at the Joint IAEA/HarvestPlus Technical meeting on Biofortification to Improve Micronutrient Nutrition at Vienna, Austria. **Diane Birt** recently made these presentations: Can

Botanical Dietary Supplements Be Improved? at the Arkansas Geriatric Conference in Little Rock, AK; Identification of the Anti-inflammatory Targets of Interactive Constituents of Hypericum perforatum at the Ehrlich II Conference in Nurnberg, Germany; and Identifying Anti-inflammatory and Anti-viral Constituents of Echinacea, Hypericum, and Prunella at the Supply Side West Conference in Las Vegas, NV.

From Michigan State University... **Beth Olson** gave an invited presentation entitled "Breastfeeding Support for Low-Income Families: What Works?" at the Academy of Breastfeeding Medicine's 13th Annual International Meeting, "Breastfeeding: The Road to Health," October 23-26, 2008 in Dearborn, Michigan. **Elizabeth Gardner** gave an invited presentation entitled "Dietary Restriction and the Innate Immune Response to Influenza in Mice" at the 2008 Nathan Shock Conference on Aging, "Dietary Restriction in Aging: Where Have We Been and Where are We Going?" held in Bandera Texas October 23-26, 2008.

From Ohio State University... On July 1, 2008, the College of Education and Human Ecology at Ohio State welcomed nutrition scholar and academic leader **Cheryl Achterberg** as dean of its multifaceted program. Ohio State considers **Dr Achterberg** uniquely suited to the role for many reasons. They include her leadership at Iowa State University as the inaugural dean of the College of Human Sciences, which brought together education and family and consumer sciences, and her experience as a human nutrition scholar, which meshes with her new college's Department of Human Nutrition. To read more about her appointment, visit <http://ehe.osu.edu/news/2008/achterberg-new-dean.cfm> **Cheryl Achterberg** has also been appointed to serve on the 2010 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee. **Steven Schwartz** visited the University of Costa Rica to present an invited seminar on Carotenoid Bioavailability and taught a short course in Food Toxicology, Sept 15 -25. The Molecular Carcinogenesis and Chemoprevention Program of the OSU Comprehensive Cancer Center, the Department of Human Nutrition and the Center for Advanced Functional Foods Research and Entrepreneurship co-sponsored the Carotenoids, Cancer and Health Symposium on October 10, 2008. Speakers included Johannes von Lintig, Case Western University (Give me an A: Carotenoids in vision and gene regulation); **Mark Failla**, OSU (Factors affecting transfer of carotenoids from food matrices to target tissues), **Steven Schwartz** and Ken Riedl, OSU (Insights into carotenoid metabolism); **John Erdman**, U. Illinois (Utilization of C13 and C14 tomato carotenoids for human and animal trials); **Earl Harrison**, OSU (Mechanisms of absorption of dietary carotenoids); and **Steve Clinton**, OSU

(Tomatoes, lycopene, and prostate cancer: A critical review).

From Ohio University...**Christopher A. Taylor** from The Ohio State University in Columbus and **David H. Holben** from Ohio University in Athens received a USDA RIDGE Grant (UC Davis RIDGE Grant) for the project entitled, "Assessing the link between food assistance program utilization and obesity, metabolic syndrome and risk for chronic disease in US children." **Dr Holben** was elected to the Commission on Dietetic Registration for a 2008-2011 term. **Darlene Berryman** gave two invited presentations. She presented "Impact of growth hormone (GH) on adipose tissue: studies in GH transgenic and GH receptor knockout mice" at an NIDDK sponsored retreat on genetics and imaging of cell lineages at Port Isobel, VA on October 24th. **She** also presented her perspectives on conducting translational research in the area of obesity at the annual conference for the Association of Schools of Allied Health Schools on November 1st.

From University of Illinois-Urbana...The Division of Nutritional Sciences hosted the following external speakers in the Fall 2008 seminar series: **Mary Frances Picciano**, (Office of the Director, Dietary Supplements, NIH) and Michael Aviram, (Technion Faculty of Medicine and Director, Dept Laboratory Medicine, Rambam Medical Center, Bat-Galim, Haifa, Israel). Dr. Aviram is on sabbatical leave at the University of Illinois for the 2008-2009 academic year. He is collaborating with **Manabu Nakamura, Kenneth Wilund** and Simon Cho.

Margarita Teran-Garcia has joined the faculty in the Department of Food Science & Human Nutrition. Previously, Margarita was an Associate Scientist in the Human Genomics laboratory of **Claude Bouchard** at the Pennington Biomedical Research Center in Baton Rouge, LA, where she focused on genotype/phenotype interactions related to insulin sensitivity/resistance and exercise training responses. At the University of Illinois, she is pursuing the nutrigenomics features of childhood obesity and related disorders in the context of translational research.

Sharon Donovan gave the following invited presentations: "Actions of soy formula and soy isoflavones in the developing intestine," at the VII Biennial Nestle Nutrition Conference, Mexico City in October 2008, and "Functional genomics of the developing intestine: Impact of nutrition," at the Arkansas Children's Nutrition Center in November 2008.

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

MEMBER ALERT: *All of us on this side of the Atlantic are starved for the news of our colleagues in The Netherlands and Europe. Please communicate your news to Drs Winklhofer-Roob and Van Wouwe at the addresses listed below.*

The ABM's 2nd European regional meeting for physicians was held at Vienna, October 4 and 5. The ABM, academy of breastfeeding medicine, is a worldwide organization of physicians dedicated to the promotion, protection and support of breastfeeding and human lactation through education, research and advocacy (www.bfmed.org). Various topics on basic research, public health and clinical medicine about breastfeeding were presented, like the physiology of oxytocin in human lactation (Franz Paky, Austria), breastfeeding and co-sleeping (Adik Levin, Estonia) and the use of the WHO growth standard (Adriano Cattaneo, Italy). From the Netherlands Caren Lanting and **Ko van Wouwe** presented epidemiological data on the breastfeeding trends.

The Human Nutrition & Metabolism Research and Training Center (HNMRC) Graz, Institute of Molecular Biosciences, Karl-Franzens University of the Graz is the coordinator of the Erasmus Intensive Course "Combating Obesity: Strategies for Prevention and Intervention" (COSPI). This is a 2-week intensive course of interactive learning (140 hours, 5 ECTS credits). The course integrates state-of-the-art lectures, interdisciplinary problem-based learning sessions, research skill sessions and meet-the-professors sessions. The teaching language is English. Registration is open for Ph.D. and M.D. students. Deadline for abstract submission and registration is January 1, 2009. For further information please visit <http://cospi.uni-graz.at>

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MEMBER ALERT:

The deadline for submission of symposia proposals for EB2010 in Anaheim has been extended to March 15, 2009

Dateline West...with John McNamara

From the USDA/WHNRC...Marta Van Loan, research physiologist, at the USDA, Western Human Nutrition Research Center, Davis, CA, was an invited speaker at the International Dairy Federation Annual Meeting in Mexico City, November 13-15, 2008. Dr Van Loan's presentation "Dairy Foods - It's About More Than Just Weight Loss" focused on the role of dairy foods to lower hypertension, improve immune responses, enhance bone health, and for weight management and the integration of these multiply facets into human clinical trials. In October, the USDA, ARS Western Human Nutrition Research Center, Davis, CA hosted Martin D. Brand (Buck Institute for Age Research) for a talk entitled "Mitochondria, ROS, and Aging." Dr. Brand is an expert on the biology of mitochondrial energetics, thermogenesis, and generation of and bioactive properties of ROS.

From the Robert Mondavi Institute for Wine and Food Science University of California, Davis...The

Robert Mondavi Institute for Wine and Food Science at UC Davis was officially dedicated on October 10, 2008. The new \$74 million 129,600-square-foot complex consists of three academic buildings which now houses the departments of Viticulture and Enology, and Food Science and Technology, as well as the administrative offices for the institute. **Clare M. Hasler**, executive director, was the emcee for the event, which attracted almost 800 dignitaries, visitors and members of the university community. Following the ribbon cutting, the arrival of the Budweiser Clydesdales signaled the beginning of a ceremonial groundbreaking ceremony for the institute's second building phase, which will house a Teaching and Research Winery and the Anheuser-Busch Brewing and Food Science Laboratory. Construction, estimated to cost \$20.5 million, is slated to begin in June 2009 with completion anticipated in July 2010.

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