Your Executive Board has just held its biannual meeting. After a full day and a half we were joined for another day and a half by the strategic oversight committee, several key ASN members, and Tim Fallon and Laurie Schulte of TSI Consulting to focus and map our goals and strategies for achieving those goals for the next three years.

First some observations and actions from the strategic mapping session. Then some key results from the Executive Board Meeting.

ASN’s Strategic Map: 2008-2010. Working together with the board and the strategic oversight committee, and facilitated by Tim Fallon and Laurie Schulte, the group defined our “Central Challenge” for the next three years; listed the five important areas in which we needed to address this challenge; and targeted 3-5 “deliverables” under each of those five key areas. Although the leadership of ASN was all present (including the four presidents from the initiation to the completion of this time period – Stephanie Atkinson, myself, Jim Hill and John Beard) and the members of the strategic oversight committee, the plan will now be vetted on a fast track but in a thorough manner. It will be shared with Committee Chairs and Councils (Council Chairs all participated in the process) to gain their input and suggestions/modifications. After meetings with the committee chairs and a re-evaluation of the plan it will be presented to the members. This was an uplifting process, with a diversity of ideas going into the plan, and a consensus coming out. It is the type of plan that will fit on one page and can be the first slide at each of our executive board meetings rather than the strategic plans we are all familiar with that gather dust in a desk drawer.

Actions from the Biannual Executive Board Meeting. Although we meet every month by telecon, the Executive Board only has two planned face to face meetings – one in the fall and the other at Experimental Biology. The goal of the meeting is to do a mid year assessment to see if we need to change course in any area, to approve the budget for the upcoming fiscal year (2008) and to evaluate the recommendations from any major tasks/reports/projects/committee requests.

We have a new way of looking at, and being accountable for, our finances. Our finances are in good order and we now, for the first time, have a transparent budget which clearly shows our major program areas, their costs, and the revenue they generate. Each program area has a staff head held accountable for its management. For example, the Publications Division is headed by Karen King, Public Affairs by Mary Lee Watts, General and Administrative by John Courtney and Membership, Marketing and Development by Paula Eichenbrenner. The fifth cost center is Education and Professional Development and plans are under way to define a position of leadership for this important initiative. Of course such an individual will work with the Graduate Professional and Education Committee (Chaired by Richard Eisenstein). We have John Courtney to thank for this new way of organizing the budget so that the Board Members can see the “cost of doing business” in each of these key areas. Mary Frances Picciano, ASN Treasurer, led us through the budget and explained this new way of looking at our resources.

We now have a very complete analysis of costs and profits from our two journals. One of the good things about a transparent budget is that certain things “pop out”. For example, ~ 70% of our revenue comes from our journals, and ~80% of that revenue is from subscriptions. Although it says a lot for the importance of the journals to

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**President’s Column**

**Watch for our new website-soon-at** [http://www.nutrition.org](http://www.nutrition.org)
our society (both intellectually and financially) in this age of open access and electronic publication we need to work hard to diversify our revenue base. To that end, ASN commissioned a study on potential cost savings of managing two journals under one organization and opportunities for increasing profits from publishing together with new avenues to explore for profit generating activities. The results of this extensive analysis were presented to us by Karen King, Publications Director, and Stephanie Atkinson, the board’s liaison to the Publications Management Committee (PMC) (Chaired by Ronenn Roubenoff). The PMC had previously met in Boston to go through every aspect of the report and present their recommendations to the Executive Board.

There’s a new way of looking at Impact Factors for journals. There’s a new way of looking at journal impact factors which appears to be catching on in the publishing world. Instead of just quantifying how many times articles are cited by others in a 3-year period, the new impact factor (called the Eigenfactor) takes into account the quality of the journals that have cited the original manuscript and assigns higher scores to higher quality journals (See Eigenfactor.org). They also use a five year rather than three-year period for assessing the number of citations. Of the 52 journals in the field “nutrition and dietetics” guess where we rank? The Journal of Nutrition and American Journal of Clinical Nutrition are 1 and 2. You might consider using those numbers to convince your colleagues to send their best manuscripts to our journals. Or, if you’re putting together a tenure and promotion package and you publish in one of our journals you might cite these factors. We thank our editors, A. Catherine Ross and Dennis Bier, our Associate Editors, Editorial Board, all the ad hoc reviewers and of course the people who submit to the journals for maintaining this standard of excellence.

Other important progress coming from the Executive Board Meeting. We have better defined the benefits and responsibilities of membership in Research Interest Section (RIS) Groups and Councils thanks to Teresa Davis, ASN’s Secretary and a former RIS director. Andrew Prentice, Chair of the International Council, captured the relationship of the RIS groups and Councils to each other and to the society in a diagram which will be unveiled on our new website before the first of the year. In addition to the International Council, both the Medical Council (Gordon Jensen, Chair) and the Nutritional Science Council (Patsy Brannon, Chair) have exciting activities planned for EB but we’ll leave those specifics for the next Nutrition Notes. Our sustaining members, who do a lot for our Society both intellectually and financially, have a clear and engaging voice on the Board as their chair, Barbara Lyle, is an ex officio member and active participant. Sustaining members support many ASN activities including RIS groups, awards, and certain research activities. Their input and perspective is valuable in helping set our direction. Mary Lee Watts, Public Affairs director, brought us up to date on our targeted activities on the Farm Bill, Meetings at NIH, the redesigned website, position papers and our new spokesperson program. A key ad hoc group is working to form the centerpiece for ASN’s advocacy program plan for nutrition research funding for the next 3-5 years. We now have an active awards advisory committee (chaired by Shelley McGuire, RIS director and board member) to evaluate the criteria for accepting for ASN’s acceptance of a new award (endowment, name, eligibility, selection process) – and even considerations such as how long are members willing to sit in their seats on award night to see and hear all the award recipients.

Progress on my four action items. In each Nutrition Notes and monthly newsletter I like to bring you up to date on the four action items I proposed to accomplish this year: 1) Establish a conflict of interest policy; 2) Develop an ASN spokesperson program; 3) Initiate “success stories” for funded research to use in an advocacy program; 4) Make Experimental Biology more “late breaking.” Let me mention briefly our success on action item #4. This is the case of do not ask for what you want because you just may get it. We solicited and promoted an application process for “late breaking issues” and reserved two slots for these at EB. There were 17 submissions for the two slots. Somehow Janet King, chair of the Scientific Program Committee together with Anne Meyers who staffs it managed to find enough slots for 4 of these exciting sessions. This is clearly what our members want and they were responsive. Next year we need to consider whether to save back additional slots, get more rooms, or (I know I will hear groans about this) program more sessions on the last day. It was no small task to select from this excellent group of proposals and Janet and her committee (which includes a member of each council and the director of the RIS groups) did a very careful evaluation to come to their final decision. Now let’s support these late breaking sessions by attending them.

I’m writing this column to you after three very intense days of meetings, but despite the hard work for these three days (and the preparation going into them) to a person we left the meeting energized. It never ceases to amaze me how differently individuals can see the “same” issue, yet what first appears as an impossible task to synthesize these diverse viewpoints, results in a product that is so much better for the process.

Wishing you all a peaceful and joyful holiday season.

Joanne Lupton
IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Material for the March 2008 issue of Nutrition Notes is due on February 1, 2008

Symposia/workshop/controversy proposals are due on January 15, 2008 (see page 37)

Advance registration for EB2008 is February 6, 2008

Deadline for submission of latebreaking abstracts (see page 38) is February 6, 2008

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- Research Interest Section (RIS) participation, discussion and networking.

Many new initiatives with member value continue to progress. Thanks to the many ASN members who have already renewed, and to our new members across the world, ASN membership continues to increase. Do you have a suggestion for the preeminent professional organization in the nutrition field? Let us know how we can better serve you at marketing@nutrition.org.

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**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS**


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

III. The University Mixer at our annual member reception was a resounding success. This year we increased the size and visibility of our university signs and, as a result, have had many requests for next year at **EB2008**. The deadline for making reservations for the mixer was November 1; we will continue to accept reservations until the end of December, 2007.

**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: [http://www.nutrition.org](http://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 listserv email.

Don’t know your member ID? Contact the ASN membership office at [mem@nutrition.org](mailto:mem@nutrition.org)

For all information concerning the ASN awards as they are now categorized, visit the Invitation for Nominations 2009, published in the 2008 summer issues of the society journals (and posted to the ASN website at [http://www.nutrition.org](http://www.nutrition.org)).

**THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR NUTRITION SALUTES ITS CLINICAL NUTRITION INTERNS FOR 2007**

Elsewhere in this issue is the call for the Clinical Nutrition Internships for 2008. Meantime, we wish to acknowledge this year’s winners as well as their mentors. As you remember, these nutrition internships are 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 usually will 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.

*Our winners are:*

Kimberly Cox, University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB)  
**Mentor:** Jamy D Ard, Assistant Professor, Nutrition Sciences, UAB

Kofi Essel, George Washington University (GWU)  
**Mentor:** Lisa M Alexander, Assistant Dean, GWU

Merry Lee Mann, University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB)  
**Mentor:** Douglas Heimburger, Professor, Nutrition Sciences, UAB

Virginia “Ginger” Menendez, University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB)  
**Mentor:** Douglas Heimburger, Professor, Nutrition Sciences, UAB

Laura Nahm, University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB)  
**Mentor:** Douglas Heimburger, Professor, Nutrition Sciences, UAB

Gregory Waryasz, Tufts University School of Medicine  
**Mentor:** Janet Kerle, Associate Dean for Students, Tufts University School of Medicine

Bethany Weinert, Northwestern University  
**Mentor:** Diann Rothwell Lapin, Director of Northwestern Undergraduate Premedical Scholars Program
National Clinical Nutrition Internships

Co-sponsored by
The American Society for Nutrition
and the
American Medical Student Association

This program is designed to increase the role of nutrition in the practice of medicine, medical research, health promotion, and disease prevention by providing a unique combination of educational experiences to medical students.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS for the 2008 internship: February 8, 2008

Description
The American Medical Student Association (AMSA) and ASN are co-sponsoring 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 usually will 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, Maryland 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.
NEW AWARDS FOR 2008

The American Society for Nutrition will, in 2008, administer two new awards supported by the Council for Responsible Nutrition. One award will be added to our young investigator award category and the second will be added to our senior investigator award category. Here follow the descriptions which will appear in the summer months of 2008 in our society journals when we publish our annual Invitation for Nominations.

Young Investigator Award Category

NEW!! The Mary Swartz Rose Award

This award is given to an investigator within ten years of postgraduate training, for outstanding research on the safety and efficacy of bioactive compounds for human health. The award of $2500 and an engraved plaque is made available by The Council for Responsible Nutrition. Nominations should include the following: a letter stating the significance of the work; a selected bibliography that supports the nomination; a reprint or series of reprints reporting such research, and the candidate’s curriculum vitae.

Senior Investigator Award Category

NEW!! The Mary Swartz Rose Award

This award is given to an investigator for outstanding research on the safety and efficacy of bioactive compounds for human health. The award of $2500 and an engraved plaque is made available by The Council for Responsible Nutrition. Nominations should include the following: a letter stating the significance of the work; a selected bibliography that supports the nomination; a reprint or series of reprints reporting such research, and the candidate’s curriculum vitae.

ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS

ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS: Again this year the National Dairy Council will sponsor a student breakfast on Sunday morning, April 6, 2008 beginning at 7:15AM. The breakfast will take place in the Marriott Hotel at a room not yet assigned. Should you have an opportunity that morning or at any other time throughout the meeting to speak with Matt Pikosky or with Greg Miller, you may want, once again, to thank them for such a great ‘dairy’ start to a scientific day.


Additional thanks go to the members of the ASN Public Information Committee who solicited nominations for the ASN Media Award and selected a winner for 2008.

RIS News

From the RIS Director

High quality nutrition research is the foundation upon which the ASN is built, and for ASN to remain the authoritative leader in nutrition, this base must be both solid and diversified. As such, our RIS groups represent the many layers of bricks and mortar upon which quality nutrition research within the ASN membership is built. Spanning topics from the most applied to the most fundamental, RIS groups support and foster world-class research across the multi-faceted discipline we call nutrition.

One question that has been raised recently is “What’s the difference between a Council and a RIS?” Another is “If a RIS gets big enough, can it become a Council?” Although we are all still accustoming ourselves to the new ASN structure, the differences between – and therefore the roles of – the RIS and Councils are becoming more apparent as we enter the new year. I thought it useful to take this opportunity to provide some clarity on this issue. I am hoping, of course, that my thoughts are not taken as “fact” but instead as added commentary on our continued evolution as a society. Here goes...

Councils – A council is meant to be a governance body within the Society – not representing a nutrition research topic but instead representing ASN members conducting research in a certain way. As such, each Council represents the collective interests of a group using a common set of research approaches. This representation
is found on the executive board, standing ASN committees, and in programming activities. For example, Dr. Andrew Prentice (the current chair of the International Nutrition Council) provides a consistent and informed voice on the executive board for all of our membership conducting international nutrition research. In addition, members of the International Nutrition Council have been systematically placed on all of our standing committees. Andrew’s voice is balanced by those of Drs. Patsy Brannon and Gordon Jensen who represent the Nutritional Sciences Council and Medical Nutrition Council, respectively. This intentional balanced input is critical for a society that is committed to supporting nutrition research across the entire discipline.

**RIS** – A RIS is a group of ASN members conducting research on a specific topic. RIS groups help drive progressive and topic-driven programming and provide extensive opportunity for networking with others conducting related research. Ideally, each RIS group has members from each of the Councils – in other words, members who go about their research in different ways. For example, the vitamins and minerals RIS ideally should have members conducting micronutrient research in developing countries; members looking at molecular mechanisms in a laboratory setting; and members conducting clinical research. However, RIS groups are not meant to be governance bodies nor should they be. Instead, RIS groups represent the true foundation upon which ASN is built – high quality research.

In summary, Councils and RIS groups provide two complementary and symbiotic structures within our Society. I encourage you all to become involved in both.

**Contributed by Michelle (Shelley) McGuire**
ASN RIS Director

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**Aging and Chronic Disease.** The purpose of the Aging and Chronic Disease RIS is to promote nutrition research in aging and chronic disease. We encourage networking, research collaborations, and the participation of both undergraduate and graduate students.

**EB 2008** is fast approaching and we encourage all ASN members to submit abstracts to our RIS under the following topic headings:

1) Successful aging through diet and physical activity
2) Osteoporosis and bone metabolism in aging
3) Nutrition interventions for risk factor modification in aging
4) Obesity, sarcopenia and frailty in aging
5) Nutrition, physical activity and cognitive function

If you would like to be a chair or a co-chair for one of our minisymposia topics please email me lengyel@cc.umanitoba.ca

We will be having our Annual Reception and Business Meeting at EB 2008. Our program will begin with a research presentation by Stephen Kritchevsky, Professor of Internal Medicine, Gerontology and Geriatrics, and Director of the J. Paul Sticht Center on Aging and Rehabilitation, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC. His presentation is titled, “Nutritional Implications of Inflammatory Biomarkers of Chronic Disease.” Our Annual Business Meeting will follow the presentation with a reception where we will have the opportunity to network and munch on tasty food.

I look forward to meeting all of you next year. Have a joyous holiday season!

**Upcoming Meetings:**

1) 1st Conference on Clinical Trials on Alzheimer’s Disease (CTAD), Montpellier, France, September 17-19, 2008. (http://www.ams.fr).

**Contributed by Christina Lengyel**
Chair, Aging and Chronic Disease RIS

**History of Nutrition.** Let your thoughts travel 100 years back in time to the year 1908 and consider the status of nutrition science then (Carpenter, K.J. A Short History of Nutrition Science: Part 2 (1885-1912). J. Nutr. 133:975-984, 2003). Atwater had died a year earlier, but his work in the U.S. Department of Agriculture on food composition, the caloric value of foods and the food intake of diverse individuals was continuing. At Yale, however, Chittenden was beginning to provide evidence that Atwater’s view of the human requirement for protein was too generous.

The stories of essential amino acids and vitamins were just beginning to unfold by 1908. F.G. Hopkins and co-workers in England had provided evidence of the essentiality of tryptophan, but T. Osborne’s and L.B. Mendel’s work in Connecticut on the dietary value of different proteins was not yet reported. C. Eijkman and G. Grins work in the Dutch West Indies was strongly suggesting that beri-beri was a dietary deficiency disease, but the missing ingredient would not be identified for several more years. As the result of the work of R. Stockman in Scotland and others, the importance of iron in the diet was being recognized. Work by M. Mori in Japan and others was implicating xerophthalmia as a deficiency disease and A. Holst in Norway and others were adding more definitive evidence that scurvy was also caused by a dietary deficiency. At the University of Wisconsin the
“single-grain” experiment was underway that would clearly show that growth and reproductive performance of cows eating diets equal in proximate composition and energy value, but differing in the grain that formed the basis of the diet, was dependent upon the type of grain fed. This finding led to the identification of vitamin A a few years later.

On the other hand, it would be another four years before C. Funk in England would coin the term “vitamine;” another five years before E.V. McCollum and M. Davis at Wisconsin would begin distinguishing among different unknown dietary substances required for growth, and another eight years before McCollum and C. Kennedy would first use the letters “A” and “B” to designate unknown substances in the diet that were essential for life.

Now let your thoughts travel 100 years into the future to the year 2108. What will have been the major advances in those 100 years? Will they equal or surpass the advances of the past 100 years? Only time will tell, of course, but speculation could be fruitful!

Contributed by Pat Swan for the History RIS

Nutrition Education. Update from the Chair:
I want to remind you of ASN’s initiative to publish position papers and statements. Some of you have made some good suggestions for nutrition education topics related to vitamin D and bone health, optimal maternal nutrition, child obesity intervention and bariatric surgery. Please work with your writing groups to submit proposals on one or more of these topics in the next few months. In addition, the Nutrition Education RIS Advisory Group asked that at least one proposal is submitted this year that distinguishes Nutrition Education within ASN as making unique contributions to the science of nutrition and to the health of Americans. Please contact me with your interest. See http://www.asnutrition.org/ for more information about ASN position papers.

We are working with the Nutrition Translation from Bench to Consumer RIS to co-sponsor an ASN symposium on translational research for 2009. Cathy Kapica and I have contacted potential speakers and tentatively outlined a great session. We continue to need other ideas for topics and speakers on a variety of sessions and I encourage you to think about ideas for symposium, workshops, and controversy sessions and share with me.

In October I met with the Society for Nutrition Education (SNE) leadership and established a partnership between the Nutrition Education RIS and SNE. The goal of the partnership is to have a consistent voice on nutrition education issues, exchange information and increased collaborative research opportunities. It was agreed that the SNE President or her/his designee will attend the Nutrition Education RIS business meeting annually.

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Community and Public Health Nutrition (CPHN). Please watch the e-communities site for updates and RIS news from CPHN.

Contributed by David Pelletier, dlp5@cornell.edu
Chair, Community and Public Health Nutrition RIS

Vitamin and Minerals (VMRIS). Greetings VMRIS members and potential members! As you know, EB2008 is approaching rapidly and I want to encourage everyone to attend our annual poster competition and business meeting that is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 5th from 4-6pm (the exact time, location, and other relevant information will be distributed on the VMRIS e-Community as well as in the March ASN Nutrition Notes).

Graduate students - If you have submitted an abstract to EB08 as first author, we encourage you to participate in the VMRIS Student Poster Competition to be held at EB08, immediately prior to the VMRIS business meeting. Students must be a member of ASN and the VMRIS group. To become a member, register online at www.asnutrition.org to join ASN, and from the ASN website enter and create a login for the ASN e-Communities to join the VMRIS e-Community.

To enter the competition, please email Dr. Richard Bruno (richard.bruno@uconn.edu) your single-spaced extended abstract by Friday March 7, 2008. Detailed instructions for the poster competition will be available on e-Communities. The extended abstract not exceeding 1-page must include the following: i) title, author(s), and affiliation(s), ii) introduction and justification, iii) methods and procedures, iv) results and, v) 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 richard.bruno@uconn.edu if you would like to volunteer. All members will receive a notice at a later date regarding the specifics of poster presentations and judging criteria.

All members - please come out and support our young scientists at our poster session. These promising young investigators represent the future of science and will be making significant contributions in the coming years. We think it is very important to support the young scientists and encourage their endeavors in vitamin and mineral research. The competition/reception will begin at 4pm on April 5th and the business meeting will follow.

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Chair, Community and Public Health Nutrition RIS

Finally, symposium proposals for EB09 are due January 15, and we strongly encourage members to consider submitting topics of interest to our membership. I encourage all members to email me with any ideas (emily.ho@oregonstate.edu). Looking forward to seeing everyone in San Diego!

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ISRML/Human Milk and Lactation. Plans for HML-RIS programming for EB2008 are in full swing and include the RIS Business Meeting and Luncheon on Saturday April 5, 2008, a Symposium entitled “Methyl donors, iodine and DHA—is maternal supplementation beneficial” to be chaired by Susan Carlson and Frank Greer and mini-Symposia on Human Milk and Lactation and on Child nutrition, development and mental health to be chaired by Nancy Krebs and Linda Adair, respectively. This year special effort has been made by the ASN office to accommodate the desire of many of our members to avoid concurrent scheduling with special sessions, Symposia and Mini-Symposia of other RIS groups and we will confirm all session times in the March 2008 column. Students and young investigators still in training and who are members of ISRML are eligible to apply for several travel awards to the EB 2008 meeting. Applicants must be the first author on an abstract submitted for a Human Milk and Lactation EB 2008 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 Ardythe Morrow by fax (513 636 7509) or e-mail (ardythe.morrow@cchmc.org) by January 15, 2008. Last, we continue to seek 2009 Symposia Proposals, due January 15, 2008: please contact Dan Sellen (dan.sellen@utoronto.ca) for further details and guidelines.

HML RIS continues to thrive as Sharon Donovan (sdonovan@ad.uiuc.edu) takes the reigns as our new RIS chair in January 2008. Currently we have over 80 members and are growing. If you are not yet a member you can join by updating your member record on the ASN website (http://www.nutrition.org/). Current members may also wish to review their current membership of other RIS groups and ASN Councils and if so it is helpful to remember that, as RIS Chair Shelly McGuire explains in her column this month, Councils and RIS groups provide two different but complementary and symbiotic structures within our Society. While Councils represent on the executive board, standing ASN committees, and
Nutritional Immunology. Fall has finally arrived in the Midwest, and with it, so have thoughts and final plans for EB2008. The ASN Preliminary Program is already posted online, and if you have consulted it you should have noted that the Nutritional Immunology RIS is sponsoring two Minisymposia this year as we have in the past several years. These are: 1) Mechanisms of nutrient modulation of immune function, and 2) Nutritional control of immunity in health and chronic disease. If you browsed the remainder of the Minisymposia listing, you might also have noted that two RIS-sponsored Minisymposia is a low number compared to several of the other RISs. The Energy and Macronutrient Metabolism RIS is sponsoring 11 Minisymposia and the Vitamins and Minerals RIS is sponsoring 13. While I know that it is not a contest to see which RIS can sponsor the most Minisymposia, this observation did make me question whether the Minisymposia we are currently sponsoring meet everyone’s needs. Please begin to thinking about this, as I will have the topic on our business meeting agenda at EB2008.

Another very important topic for discussion at our EB2008 RIS business meeting will be the Nutritional Immunology RIS “Governance and Operating Procedures”. As the nutrition society mergers have taken place, the RISs have been given more responsibilities within the society. To acknowledge that, ASN required that Governance and Operating Procedures be officially drafted for each RIS, and that they had to be approved by the RIS Director. As your current Chair, I did my best at writing the initial draft of our Nutritional Immunology RIS document. However, the governance structure that we approved at the business meeting at EB2007 does NOT meet the ASN RIS guidelines, and thus, it MUST be modified. I have posted both the ASN RIS Rules of Operation and the current Nutritional Immunology RIS Governance and Operating Procedures documents to our RIS eCommunities site at the beginning of November. Please check out the documents and offer comments and suggestions for improvement. Minimally, we will need to vote on changes to the governance structure at the EB2008 business meeting. PLEASE mark your calendars and plan to attend this important RIS business meeting.

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Greetings once again Nutritional Epi RIS members! As you read this issue of Nutrition Notes, please bear in mind that now is the time for graduate students to submit their EB08 posters to me for entry into the Graduate Student Poster Competition. Entry into the Nutritional Epi poster competition is not part of the web-based abstract submission process, so please forward your abstract entries directly to me at karen.wosje@cchmc.org. Past participants frequently comment on how rewarding the poster competition experience was for them, and the EB08 competition promises to be no exception. As usual, the winner of this year’s competition will receive a $500.00 award.

There are still many opportunities to take a service position within the Nutritional Epi RIS. Each RIS is in the process of creating, for the first time, its own set of Operating Procedures. Currently we have a RIS Steering Committee composed of myself (Chair); Heidi Kalkwarf, D (Past Chair); Ahmed El-Sohemy, Ashley Love, Anna Maria Siega-Riz, (ASN Regular members); and Meghan Slining (ASN Student Member). Among other duties, the Steering Committee is drafting the RIS Operating Procedures. We will gladly accept new volunteer members to the RIS Steering Committee (Regular or Student ASN members are welcome). The officer positions of Chair Elect and Treasurer are vacant and, as per our draft Operating Procedures, will be filled on a “first volunteer” basis. This is a great opportunity to become involved in the “behind the scenes” activities of the Nutritional Epi RIS!

You may have noticed recent job postings on the Nutritional Epi RIS portion of the ASN eCommunities website. If you have job postings or other appropriate announcements that you would like disseminated to the RIS membership, please submit the information to me and I will post it to eCommunities. As always, please call (513.636.2412) or email me with your suggestions and feedback - positive or negative!

Contributed by Karen S. Wosje
Chair, Nutritional Epidemiology RIS

Nutritional Epidemiology. The main Diet and Cancer Symposium entitled “A stimulating conversation: dietary factors, epithelial cells and the immune system in carcinogenesis” will be held on Tuesday April 8th, 2008 from 8:00-10:00 A.M. This symposium will be chaired by cancer RIS members Norman Hord and Sue Percival.

There will also be four Mini-symposia on:
- DIET, EXERCISE AND CANCER RISK.
  Chairs: Joshua Bomser, Ohio State University; Jill Hamilton-Reeves, College of St. Catherine.
- FOOD COMPONENTS THAT PREVENT CANCER.
  Chairs: Elvira de Mejla, University of Illinois; Patricia Hughes, Archer Daniels Midland Co.
- OBESITY AND CANCER RISK.
  Chairs: Eva Maria Schmelz, Virginia Tech University; George Wang, Kansas State University.
- NUTRITION AND CANCER SURVIVORSHIP:
  Chairs: Dan Gallaher, University of Minnesota; Arpita Basu, Oklahoma State University.

Diet and Cancer RIS is also co-sponsoring the late-breaking Symposium: “Food, Nutrition, Physical Activity, and the Prevention of Cancer: a Global Perspective”. Chair: Cindy Davis, Co-chair: Ritva Butrum. This symposium will highlight the methodology utilized, diet and physical activity recommendations for cancer prevention, and how this extensive report can be continually updated in the future. We encourage professional and student members to attend these Symposia and Mini-symposia.

We are excited to announce the continuation of The Coca-Cola Company Student Award Poster Competition for the Diet and Cancer RIS meeting at EB 2008. Thanks to Sonhee Park, Secretary of Diet and Cancer RIS, for working to secure this support. We look forward to receiving abstracts from all Diet and Cancer RIS members, especially graduate students and postdoctoral associates, by the November 7, 2007 deadline. We greatly value your participation in this competition and in all of our RIS activities!

The main objective is to reward graduate students and postdoctoral research associates in order to promote competition towards higher quality science in the area of diet and cancer.

SELECTION PROCESS

Five graduate students and postdoctoral research associates will be selected following the already established Experimental Biology-American Society for Nutrition procedures for submission of abstracts for student poster competition. This is a peer-reviewed competition.

Diet and Cancer. Experimental Biology 2008 in San Diego is coming soon! Do not forget that the deadline for early registration is February 6, 2008. We have an exciting conference planned for EB 2008!

The purpose of the Diet and Cancer RIS is to promote nutrition and diet research related to cancer using both chemical and biological methods. We encourage networking, research collaborations, and the participation of undergraduate, graduate students and post-doctoral fellows.

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Among the most prominent research submitted, 25 student participants will be identified for Coca-Cola Company Student Award Poster Competition in early March 2008.

The five finalists will be selected at the meeting in New Orleans after the students present and defend their posters in front of a judging evaluation scientific Committee (nominated by the Chair of the RIS Diet and Cancer Section).

Selection/Evaluation Criteria:
The abstract content (20 points)
Originality (30 points)
Relevance to cancer research (20 points)
Poster presentation skill (30 points)

Monetary awards will be made to the top five presenters. First, second, third and two honorary mentions will be awarded as follows:
First place: $500 + Diploma
Second place: $400 + Diploma
Third place: $300 + Diploma
Honorary Mention: $150 + Diploma
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Diplomas will be designed and provided by the Coca-Cola Company after previous approval of RIS Diet and Cancer Officers. Both the Chair of RIS Diet and Cancer and a representative of the Coca-Cola Company will sign diplomas. The allocation of funds by the Coca-Cola Company will follow Experimental Biology traditional guidelines.

AWARD CEREMONY

The award ceremony and diplomas will be presented at the luncheon and Business Meeting of the RIS Section. This meeting has tentatively been scheduled for Sunday, April 6th from 12:00-2:00 pm (exact time and place TBA in the March ASN Nutrition Notes). We welcome new members to our RIS. Please consider submitting a Symposium/Workshop/Controversy Proposal topic by January 15, 2008 for EB 2009. A template for proposal submission can be found on the ASN website (http://www.nutrition.org/).

Finally, we will be electing new officers for our RIS during the EB2008 business meeting. If you would like to be considered for one of these leadership positions (chair-elect, secretary, or student representative), please submit your name for nomination to Dr. Suzanne Hendrich (Chair-elect; shendric@iastate.edu)

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Chair, Dietary Bioactive Components RIS

Dietary Bioactive Components. EB 2008 is quickly approaching. Please consider attending our graduate student poster competition and business meeting on Saturday April 5. Additional details (time and place) will be posted on e-communities and in upcoming Nutrition Notes.

Graduate students who have submitted first author abstracts to EB2008 should consider entering our graduate student poster competition. To enter the competition, please send a copy of your abstract to Anna Keck (Secretary/Treasurer; Anna.Keck@Carle.com) by February 15, 2008. Students must be current members of ASN and the DBC-RIS to be eligible for participation. To join our RIS, you can contact Nancy Englemann (Student representative; nengelma@uiuc.edu) for complete instructions.

Please consider submitting a Symposium proposal topic by January 15, 2008 for EB 2009. A template for proposal submission can be found on the ASN website (http://www.nutrition.org/).

The Energy and Macronutrient Metabolism Research Interest Section (EMM-RIS) encourages all American Nutrition Society (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 EMM-RIS 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 Wayne Campbell (campbellw@purdue.edu).

Abstract Competition: The EMM-RIS Group is sponsoring an abstract competition for students (undergraduate and graduate) and postdoctoral fellows submitting abstracts to EB 2008. Awards consist of a monetary award and certificate for outstanding scientific abstracts already accepted for EB08 conference presentation. Award winners will present their abstract in poster format at the

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Past Chair: Norman Hord, Michigan State University
Secretary/Treasurer: Sonhee Park, The Coca-Cola Company
Student Representative: Kirstie Canene-Adams, John Hopkins University
EMM-RIS Abstract Awards Ceremony and Social Reception following our “Hot Topics Symposium” and business meeting. 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 January 15, 2008. Abstract and cover letter should be sent by email attachment to Malcolm Watford (watford@aesop.rutgers.edu). Please encourage your undergraduate and graduate students and postdoctoral fellows to join the EMM-RIS 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 2008. 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 2009: The EMM-RIS is actively soliciting symposium ideas and proposals for EB 2009. The deadline to submit proposals to ASN is mid-January, 2008. Please contact the Wayne Campbell with your ideas and any questions.

Future EMM-RIS Leadership: Consider taking an active role in the future direction of our RIS! Contact Jill Bush if you are interested in serving as a future RIS Chair or getting involved on the steering committee in 2007. Elections will be held during the EMM-RIS business meeting. We look forward to hearing from you on Symposia ideas!

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Experimental Animal Nutrition. The purpose of the Experimental Animal Nutrition RIS is to promote nutritional research that has a primary focus on animal species other than humans, particularly animals used by humans as sources of food and fiber, but also companion animals, exotic species, and marine animals. Today an important area of animal nutritional research is the development of models to examine the nutritional effects in human health and disease. Our RIS also strongly encourages the participation of graduate and undergraduate students. To join the Experimental Animal Nutrition RIS, go to ASNonline and click on join groups and set preferences in “My Communities”.

We have four exciting minisymposia scheduled for the Experimental Biology meeting this year:

1. Companion Animal Nutrition – chaired by Kelly Swanson (University of Illinois)
2. PUFA Nutrition and Metabolism – co-chaired by Ben Corl (Virginia Tech) and Matt Waldron (University of Vermont)
4. Animal Growth - co-chaired by Rob Rhoads (University of Arizona) and Chad Stahl (North Carolina State University)

Additionally, we will host our second annual graduate student and post-doctoral poster competition and reception immediately preceding our annual business meeting. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top presenters. Participants must be members.
of the Experimental Animal Nutrition RIS and submit a copy of their abstract to Kelly Swanson (ksswanso@uiuc.edu) by March 29th. Participants should submit their abstracts to their own selected topic sessions as well. Stay tuned for more details on the time and location of the poster competition and reception.

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Nutrition Translation from Bench to Consumer. Keep an eye out on the Nutrition Translation ecommunities site for important information relative to position statements and all of our plans for EB2008.

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Council News

International Nutrition Council (INC)

Following an e-ballot of members we are pleased to welcome Laura Caulfield as our new Chair-Elect and Lynette Neufeld and Ricardo Uauy as new advisors. The overall winner of the EB2007 INC Student Prize, Rahul Rawat, automatically becomes an advisor and joins Camila Chaparro the EB2006 winner. Your other INC councilors are Juan Rivera (Past-Chair), Beatrice Rogers (Secretary/Treasurer), and myself Andrew Prentice as Chair.

We have ambitious plans for the current year in two main areas: expanding our international membership, and meeting the needs of our young investigators. I am writing this on the day that we have just completed 3 days’ of Executive Board meetings and a major Strategic Planning meeting (see President’s message) that helps set the agenda for growth within ASN as a whole. Our own plans within INC will contribute greatly to the new ASN-wide strategic map, but at the same time will maintain the distinctive elements characteristic of INC.

Membership: We have conducted an audit of ASN’s international membership (462, including 128 Canadians) and of the INC membership (currently standing at 364 of whom 264 are based in the US). A very clear picture emerges – namely that for every current overseas member it is easy to think of another 10 or more who could be members. Attracting as many of these as possible to join is a major goal for the coming months. The primary motivation is to infuse new vigor into our Society especially at the level of younger investigators. To this end we have established new guidelines for implementing the membership fee of just $50 for applicants from Low-, Lower-Middle- and Upper-Middle-Income Countries as defined by the World Bank (see listing at www.worldbank.org/data/countryclass/classgroups.htm). Student membership will be $30 irrespective of country of origin. With the help of Paula Eichenbrenner – ASN’s new Director of Marketing and Membership Services – I will soon be writing to all INC members with an electronic version of the membership application and a reward scheme to encourage you all to help us recruit new members in your country and within your circle of international contacts. Please look out for this and put your shoulder to the wheel.

Young Investigators: INC already has a proud record of engaging our students and young investigators at an early stage in their career, but we aspire to do much better yet. Two initiatives are being developed specifically by INC and will add to a renewed ASN-wide effort to better serve young members:

1. We plan a ‘Young Investigator Workshop’ at EB to be attended exclusively by younger members – this follows the model of a very successful meeting held at the Micronutrient Forum in Istanbul earlier this year. The idea is to select a current, and possibly controversial, issue for discussion within an interactive workshop format. We are currently exploring whether programming space can be found at EB2008 in San Diego; if this is not possible we will start at EB2009.

2. To establish an International Nutrition Leadership Programme to be run immediately before or after EB. This follows the model of existing programmes in several continents, but will target young investigators working in, or aspiring to work in, the international arena. This will require substantial organization and funding for scholarships so is targeted for EB2009.

Finally, I would remind you that there is still time to suggest symposia topics for 2009. We have a number of topics, discussed at our last business meeting, that are in the process of work up, but other ideas are welcomed. Please feel free to contact myself or other councilors on this or any other issue.

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The Nutrition Sciences Council (NSC) elected its first executive committee in April, 2007 as follows:

Chair: Patsy Brannon (Cornell University), Chair elect: Susan Hutson (Wake Forest), Past chair: John Milner (NCI), Sec Treasurer: Nancy Turner (Texas A&M), and members at large in Molecular Nutrition: Mike Kilberg (University of Florida), Nutrition & Epidemiology: Patricia Cassano (Cornell University). Human and Metabolic Nutrition: Gerald Combs (USDA/ARS/Grand Forks HNRC). And Comparative Nutrition: Jack Odle (North Carolina State University). The initial discussions of the NSC Executive Committee focused on how to move the NSC forward in terms of two key priorities, the first programmatic to facilitate scientific interactions among our broad membership and the second structural in terms of our members’ needs and our interactions with ASN standing committees and RIS.

To address these two priorities, we agreed to establish two task forces with representation from the NSC Executive Committee and members. The first task force focuses on programmatic initiatives. This task force was established in July with a charge to develop goals and approaches for facilitating scientific interactions among the NSC members. Task Force I is composed of Susan Hutson, Chair-elect, NSC & Chair of Task Force; Nancy Turner, NSC Secretary/Treasurer; Mike Kilberg, NSC Executive Committee; Jack Odle, NSC Executive Committee; Pat Cassano, NSC Executive Committee; Doug Burrin, NSC member; and Shirley Gerrior, NSC member. The initial discussions considered an interdisciplinary symposium on an emerging research area to be held at EB. The need to consider a late-breaking symposium proposal and short time frame, however, led to a joint effort for EB 2008 with ASN PPC for the jointly sponsored Nutrition Research Advocacy in the 21st Century Symposium to be held on Saturday, April 5, 2008 from 10:30-12:30 am, which will bring NIH leadership, congressional representatives from key NIH appropriating committees and a representative from Research America to discuss how nutrition “fits” into the NIH Roadmap, the federal funding of nutrition research at NIH and how nutritional researchers can better advocated for federal funding for nutrition. Task Force I is now proceeding on its discussions of a thematic, interdisciplinary research symposium proposal for EB 2009. Also in formative discussion are possibilities for other research interactions through summer conferences, etc.

Task Force II focused on NSC Structure & Priorities is presently being formed. Its charge is to assess member needs and priorities relative to the mission of NSC and to consider the most effective structure of NSC and mutually beneficial interactions with standing ASN committees such as PPC, PIC, etc and with RIS to meet those priorities and needs. A member from this task force will serve on the ASN Board Committee on Council-RIS interactions; a request for this representative is pending. The committee will be composed of Patsy Brannon, Chair of NSC & Task Force; Jerry Combs, NSC Executive Committee; Kevin Schalinske NSC member; Jeanne Freeland-Graves, NSC member; Xingen Lei, NSC member; and two additional members to be appointed to represent nutrition and epidemiology or behavioral sciences.

In addition, the following NSC members now serve as our representatives to the ASN Awards Oversight Committee (Jerry Combs) and MNC Professional Development Committee (Susan Hutson). As noted, and the Council-RIS Interactions Ad Hoc committee (Jeanne Freeland-Graves).

Watch for the email announcement of the business meeting of NSC at EB08 in San Diego. Plan to join us at the joint NSC/PPC Nutrition Research Advocacy in the 21st Century Symposium to be held on Saturday, April 5, 2008 from 10:30-12:30 am.

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Coming Events

2007

DECEMBER


6-7 American Society for Bone and Mineral Research (ASBMR) [Meeting on Targeting Bone Remodeling for the Treatment of Osteoporosis], Co-Sponsored by ASN. Washington, DC. Information at: http://www.asbmr.org/other/programInfo.cfm

2008

FEBRUARY

8-10 Nutrition and Inflammation: Research Makes the Connection. This two day event organized by the Inter-Society Research Meeting is co-sponsored by the American Dietetic Association,
the American Society for Nutrition, the American Society of Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition, and the Obesity Society with partial funding from NIH. This conference will include formal presentations, posters, and break out sessions designed to explore connections between nutrition and inflammation and to identify research needs in this exciting area. The meeting will be held in Chicago. For detailed program information and online registration visit: http://aspen.ebiz.uapps.net/SolutionSite/Default.aspx?tabid=90&action=MTGProductDetails&args=951.


MARCH

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

6-8 International Symposium on Chylomicrons in Disease (ISCD), Lake Louise Chateau, Alberta, Canada. For more information contact: Ms. Charon Katzeff, Alberta Institute for Human Nutrition, C/O 4-10 Ag.For Centre, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada, T6G2P5. Tel: 1-780-492-0379, Fax: 1-780-492-8066. Email: Sharon.katzeff@ualberta.ca. Internet site: www.iscd2008.com

APRIL

5-9 Experimental Biology 2008, San Diego, CA. Information at: http://www.eb2008.org; email: eb@faseb.org The ASN preliminary program may be viewed at: www.nutrition.org click on meetings, then on annual meetings and then on EB2008.

MAY


JUNE

4-6 The Organization for the Study of Sex Differences (www.ossdweb.org) is convening its second annual scientific meeting from June 4-6, 2008 in New Orleans, LA. The program will consist of opening and closing keynote speakers, seven independent symposia, and two poster sessions. Symposia topics include sex differences in vascular and renal disease, sleep, drug abuse, cardiovascular disease, stress, immunity and infection, and x-linked disorders. The deadline for poster abstract submissions is March 15, 2008. Visit: http://www.ossdweb.org/meeting_2008.html to register or contact Viviana Simon, PhD (viviana@ossdweb.org) for more information.

AUGUST

10-15 Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB). Summer Research Conference on Folic Acid, Vitamin B12, and One Carbon Metabolism. Lucca, Italy. Contact ASN member Charles H. Halsted, M.D. at chhalsted@ucdavis.edu regarding potential industry and corporate support for this meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENT TO OUR ADVERTISERS:

The ASN CAREERS protocol has greatly increased our position ad requests. Because of space limitations we can no longer publish regular line ads in their entirety. From now on, we will use, in the print issue, the edited version which we place for you immediately on the web, and, whenever possible, include in the print issue, a logo [if provided.] The exceptions to this rule include advertisements which are not regular line ads but which include ¼ page, ½ page and full page ads. As indicated we now have a new fee schedule to be published on our new website within the next month. If you have questions you may send an email: ameyers@nutrition.org

SEARCH DEADLINE EXTENDED

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

Professor, Nutritional Sciences, 80% research and 20% teaching, 9 month appointment, tenured (or tenure track).

Start Date: January 2008 (negotiable).

Position: The successful candidate for this position will be expected to lead and coordinate a multidisciplinary Functional Foods Research and Educational Initiative at the University of Connecticut. The University has committed four tenured/tenure track positions (including this...
one) to this initiative, which is also supported by an endowment. The appointee will play a key role in reinforcing the mission, direction and oversight of the research and teaching program, and will be expected to guide and manage its future activities.

In addition to its primary focus of basic research into functional foods, and studying their mechanisms of action, the program will emphasize the transfer of these research findings to industry and the public in general. S/he will be expected to forge links with researchers at the University of Connecticut Health Center and to collaborate with both the program’s faculty and other colleagues in seeking grants and contracts from federal agencies and industry.

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

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

TO APPLY: Send your curriculum vitae with a statement of research interest/experience, and the names, addresses, e-mail addresses, and phone numbers of five references to:

Dr. Ian Hart, Associate Dean for Research and Advanced Studies
Chair of the Search Committee
University of Connecticut
1392 Storrs Road, Unit 4010
Storrs, CT 06269-4010

Applications and supporting materials will be reviewed beginning November 16, 2007 and will continue until the position is filled. Please direct enquiries to Dr. Hart at ian.hart@uconn.edu. The University of Connecticut is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer and actively seeks diversity among its employees. (Search # 2007143)
the development of new research opportunities in rural Alaska Native communities.

This application must be submitted online at https://www.uakjobs.com. A UA Applicant Form must be completed and submitted along with a cover letter, curriculum vita, statements of teaching philosophy and research interest, and at least three letters of reference. In addition to the web-based application, send two representative publications to: UAF Human Resources, PO Box 757860, Fairbanks, AK, 99775-7860 and reference Posting #0053520; Attn: Bert Boyer. If you need assistance with the application process, please contact the UAF Human Resource Department at (907) 474-7700.

For additional information, please contact Dr. Bert Boyer, Chair, Search Committee, Institute of Arctic Biology, University of Alaska Fairbanks, Fairbanks, Alaska, 99775, bert.boyer@uaf.edu, (907) 474-7733. The position will remain open until filled. A background check will be required before final employment offer is made. Further information is available at www.alaska.edu/canhr/jobs.htm. The University of Alaska is an Equal Opportunity/ Affirmative Action Employer and Educational Institution. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

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**Assistant/Associate Professor, Department of Nutritional Sciences University of Cincinnati**

One full-time tenure-track faculty position is available in the Department of Nutritional Sciences at the University of Cincinnati (open until filled).

**Requirements:** doctorate in nutrition or closely related area; significant graduate coursework in human nutrition; relevant professional experience; teaching experience; demonstrated research competency; RD status preferred.

**Responsibilities:** teach undergraduate and graduate courses in basic nutrition, community nutrition and nutrition counseling, student advising, conduct research in collaboration with interdisciplinary research teams, participate in academic and professional service.

**To Apply:** Send letter of application, vitae, transcripts, and 3 current letters of recommendation to: Shanil Juma, Ph.D., Chair of Search Committee, Department of Nutritional Sciences, P.O. Box 670394, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH 45267-0394.

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**ASSISTANT PROFESSOR of NUTRITIONAL SCIENCES, University of Wisconsin Green Bay DEADLINE EXTENDED!**

Position Number: F182

**Essential Job Functions:** Will teach undergraduate courses in Nutritional Sciences emphasis of Human Biology major and contribute to general education. This emphasis is accredited as a Didactic Program in Dietetics by the Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education of the American Dietetic Association. Will perform scholarly activities consistent with rank, advise students, perform institutional service, and contribute to the ongoing programmatic development of the department.

**Qualifications:** Ph.D. in Nutritional Sciences or related field from an accredited institution by the beginning date of the appointment, August 25, 2008. Registered Dietitian preferred. The successful candidate must have higher education teaching experience, demonstrated potential for excellence in teaching and scholarship, commitment to undergraduate education, and communication and interpersonal skills sufficient to work effectively with a diverse array of students and colleagues.

**Starting Date:** August 25, 2008

**Conditions of Appointment:** Position is a 9-month tenure-track appointment. The UW System provides an excellent benefits package including participation in a state pension plan. Excellence in teaching, institutional service and sustained scholarly activity required for retention and promotion. Official transcripts of the highest degree achieved will be required of finalist(s). A criminal conviction investigation will be conducted on the finalist(s). Must be able to meet UW-System minimum driving requirements.

**Salary:** Competitive salary commensurate with qualifications and experience.

**To Apply:** Submit a letter of application that specifically addresses qualifications for the essential job functions listed above, curriculum vitae, unofficial transcripts of all graduate work, and contact information for three references. Submit application materials to:

Dr. Debra Pearson
Department of Human Biology
University of Wisconsin-Green Bay
2420 Nicolet Drive
Green Bay, Wisconsin 54311-7001
Phone: (920) 465-2280. Fax: (920) 465-2769.
E-mail: pearsond@uwgb.edu.

Electronic submission of application materials will not be considered.
Application Deadline: To insure consideration, please submit application materials by the first screening date of November 15, 2007. The position will remain open until filled. Files must be complete to be considered.

For More Information regarding the University of Wisconsin Green Bay and the surrounding area, see our Campus and Community section at www.uwgb.edu/hr/Campuscommunity/.

UW-Green Bay seeks faculty and staff committed to quality instruction, service and collaboration with students. The University is committed to achieving a more culturally diverse academic community, in a region with an increasing population of Southeast Asians, Latinos, Native Americans, and African Americans.

We are required to provide a list of all nominees and applicants for permanent positions, who have not requested in writing that their identity not be revealed. Persons agreeing to be final candidates will have their identity revealed as a final candidate. UW-Green Bay is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer.

Assistant Professor in Community Nutrition, Department of Nutritional Sciences, University of Connecticut

The Department of Nutritional Sciences is seeking applications for a tenure track, 9-month appointment (50% research/outreach, 50% teaching). Responsibilities include but are not limited to establishing an independent funded research program in community nutrition and health; graduate and undergraduate teaching basic, lifespan and community nutrition; serving as a student advisor; and providing academic and professional service.

A Ph.D. in nutrition or closely related area; demonstrated potential for establishing an independent research program in community nutrition and health; commitment to undergraduate and graduate teaching and advising; commitment to the Department’s mission and vision, and effective oral and written communication and interpersonal skills. Research experience or demonstrated interest in community biomarker assessments and postdoctoral experience preferred.

Please read more about the Department of Nutritional Sciences www.canr.uconn.edu/nusi/. Link to Job Openings to find the complete job description.

Anticipated start date of August 23, 2008. Salary is commensurate with experience. A start up package for research is available.

Please send curriculum vitae with a statement of teaching and research/outreach interests/philosophy, and commitment to the Department’s mission and vision, as well as names, addresses, e-mail addresses, and phone numbers of three references to:
Applications and supporting materials will be reviewed beginning October 26, 2007 and continue until the position is filled. (Search # 2008136)

The University of Connecticut is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. RESEARCH PROFESSOR (2 positions), University of North Carolina -Greensboro, Kannapolis, NC

UNCG invites applications and nominations for two Research Professors, to form the UNCG Center for Research Excellence in Bioactive Food Components that will be housed at the North Carolina Research Campus (NCRC) being built in Kannapolis. Successful applicants will have the opportunity to build innovative research programs focusing in areas related to the role of bioactive components of foods in preventing and treating obesity and chronic diseases. One of the positions may also be named Director of the Center. Faculty will utilize state-of-the-art facilities supporting genomic, proteomic, and metabolomic biotechnologies. The major responsibilities will be to conduct highly-competitive independent research, obtain significant external funding for their research, build the UNCG component of the NCRC, and participate as a member of the Department of Nutrition. Applicants will broadly focus on fundamental research questions that enhance our basic understanding of the contribution of dietary components in promoting health.

Qualifications: A PhD in Nutrition or related scientific discipline is required. Applicants must have a highly competitive, independent nutrition research program, and a strong record of external research funding. The successful applicants must also possess excellent interpersonal and communication skills, the ability to work with others in a collegial team atmosphere, and desire to work in this novel academic research environment.

To Apply: Applicants must submit a letter of application explaining their interest in the position, as well as a description of their research program, curricula vitae, reprints of 5 recent research publications, and the names, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses of at least 5 professional references. Applicants wishing to be considered for Director must also provide strong evidence of management and leadership capabilities and experience. All application materials should be mailed to: Debbie Kipp, Chair of the Search Committee, Department of Nutrition, 318 Stone Bldg, UNC Greensboro, 319 College Avenue, Greensboro, NC 27412. (336) 334-5313. Letters of recommendation will be collected later.

Salary and research support packages are highly competitive and commensurate with experience and qualifications. Application Deadline: Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the positions are filled. Start Date: Expected to begin as soon as possible.

UNCG is committed to equality of employment opportunity and does not discriminate against applicants or employees based on race, color, national origin, religion, gender, age, disability, veteran status, political affiliation, sexual orientation, or creed. UNCG is committed to recruiting and advancing women and minorities at all faculty/staff levels.

TRAIT LEAD, SEMINIS TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT, Seminis Vegetable Seeds, a division of Monsanto in Oxnard, California

A New Career Opportunity Awaits You at Seminis! Seminis Vegetable Seeds, a division of Monsanto and an Ag industry leader, is creating scientific breakthroughs around the world & has an opening for a motivated TRAIT LEAD, SEMINIS TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT in our Oxnard, CA area. Category: Research & Development, IO # 8768820

In this role will provide technical leadership for the development and commercialization of traits that uniquely position and add value to the Seminis portfolio. These will include traits that confer benefits in agronomic production; health and nutrition; flavor, texture, and shelf-life; and overall consumer appeal. The successful candidate will report to the Technology Development Lead for the Americas, and will work closely with Research and Business Development functions in the Region. Within the development of new products the candidate will serve as technical contact to partners, plan and provide oversight for internal and external laboratory and consumer testing of new product concepts, and plan and execute field trials. The candidate will provide direction on the objectives and target groups for market research, analyze and interpret data, provide feedback and input to Legal. Within the product commercialization the candidate will cooperate with
Business Development and develop relationships with strategic partners. Will also direct and manage pan-regional trials and ensure collection of all data.

The successful candidate will possess a M.S. (Ph.D. desirable) in agronomy, genetics, nutrition, or related discipline. Demonstrated abilities to develop project plans, analyze and interpret data, take projects from R&D to commercialization and Aptitude for relationship building and influencing with personnel outside Seminis are required. Proficient with standard IT tools and willingness to travel and relocate is highly desired. Experience with consumer food products a plus.

Please apply online at: www.seminis.com on our career page and search req. number: mons-00007322. We maintain a drug-free environment. 

CHAIR, Department of Nutritional Sciences, College of Allied Health University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, Oklahoma City, OK

The Chair of the Department of Nutritional Sciences offers vision in planning, developing, and implementing departmental programs in teaching and research. The Chair provides leadership in recruitment, academic growth and professional development of faculty, staff and students, administration of the Department’s human and financial resources, and collaborates with other academic units within the Health Sciences Center campus in Oklahoma City, the OU Tulsa campus, the University and affiliated institutions.

Required qualifications include doctoral degree (PhD, DrPH, MD or equivalent) in an appropriate field with in-depth knowledge of nutrition, evidence of effective teaching, advising and mentoring graduate students, current or recent extramural research funding, sustained record of peer-reviewed publications and research funding as a principal investigator, administrative experience, strong interpersonal and communication skills and the ability to work with others in a collegial team atmosphere. Preferred qualifications include experience in multidisciplinary collaborations for academics and research and a record of service in professional organizations. Salary is commensurate with qualifications. Desired start date is by July 1, 2008.

The University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center has seven colleges and is located in Oklahoma City. The urban area has a population of 1.2 million.

The Department of Nutritional Sciences is in the College of Allied Health and offers three dietetics programs (CP, DPD, and DI) as well as an MS degree and an interdisciplinary PhD. The complete position description and department website can be viewed at www.ah.ouhsc.edu/ns.

Applications should be addressed to Patti Landers, PhD, RD/LD, Chair of Search and Screening Committee, PO Box 26901 CHB 469, Oklahoma City, OK 73190. Applications by e-mail are encouraged and may be sent to Patti-Landers@ouhsc.edu. The application package should include Curriculum Vita, a statement of interests and goals, and names and contact information for three or more references.

The University of Oklahoma is an Equal Opportunity Institution.

ASSISTANT/ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR – HEALTH EDUCATION/NUTRITION, Department of Health Promotion and Physical Education, School of Health Sciences and Human Performance, Ithaca College

Appointment: Full-time, tenure-eligible Assistant/Associate Professor position to begin Jan. 16th 2008, or Aug. 16th 2008 depending on candidate availability and departmental need.

Description: Teach undergraduate and graduate courses in nutrition and health science. Responsibilities may include, but are not limited to, teaching classes in Human Nutrition, International Health, Research Methods, Environmental Health, and Health Policy. Other duties include, establishment of a research agenda, student advisement, and service on department, school, and college committees.

Qualifications: Doctoral degree in Public Health, Human Nutrition, or Education with a strong background in nutrition or closely related field required; ABD will be considered if the candidate is close to completion. College teaching experience strong preferred. Demonstrated scholarship and interest through publications, presentations, and attendance at professional meetings and flexibility and experience in multi-disciplinary and interdisciplinary programs, and with multicultural groups, desired.

Ithaca College: Ithaca College is a private, co-educational comprehensive college with an enrollment of approximately 6,000 undergraduate and 380 graduate students. A faculty of 442 full-time and 214 part-time members serve the student body. Ithaca College offers approximately
The Community: Ithaca is situated in upstate New York in the center of the Finger Lakes region. It is a city of 29,000 which abounds with year-round recreational and cultural opportunities. Cornell University is also located in Ithaca.

Instructions for Submitting your Application: Interested individuals should apply online at www.icjobs.org, search for and select this position, and attach requested documents. Questions about online application may be directed to the Office of Human Resources at (607) 274-1207. Inquiries about the positions may be made by contacting Dr. Mary Bentley at (607) 274-3105 or mbentley@ithaca.edu. Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled.

Ithaca College is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Members of underrepresented groups (including people of color, persons with disabilities, military veterans and women) are encouraged to apply.

ASSISTANT/ASSOCIATE/PROFESSOR (2) of Nutritional Science Brigham Young University

Two full-time, continuing faculty status-track, rank-open positions on the faculty in the Department of Nutrition, Dietetics, and Food Science at Brigham Young University. Applications from qualified individuals in all areas of nutrition will be accepted. Emphasis in biochemical, molecular and/or cellular biological, metabolic or medical aspects of nutrition is of particular interest. Minimum of earned doctoral degree in Nutritional Science or closely related field (e.g. biochemistry, physiology, molecular biology, human biology). Teaching experience at the college/university level desired. Evident potential and/or achievement in scholarly activity.

The successful candidate will teach undergraduate and graduate courses in Nutritional Science, advise Nutritional Science MS students’ thesis research, maintain a productive, fundable research program in an area of specialty, serve on Department, College, and University committees, as appointed, and be an active participant in professional organizations.

Application can be made online at https://yjobs.byu.edu. Inquiries and questions may be addressed to Dr. Merrill J. Christensen, Chair, Faculty Search Committee, Department of Nutrition, Dietetics, and Food Science, Brigham Young University, S-235 ESC, Provo, UT 84602. Phone: (801) 422-5255, e-mail: merrill_christensen@byu.edu.

Applications will be accepted through February 28, 2008, or until the position is filled. The successful candidate may begin employment as early as May 1, 2008, but no later than September 1, 2008.

BYU is an equal employment opportunity employer. Preference is given to qualified candidates who are members in good standing of the affiliated church, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

NSERC Tier II Canada Research Chair in Nutrigenomics, Assistant or Associate Professor, Department of Human Nutritional Sciences, University of Manitoba, Canada

The University of Manitoba is seeking applications or nominations for a Canada Research Chair established by the Government of Canada to enable Canadian universities to foster world-class research excellence. The University’s Strategic Research Plan includes a Tier II Chair in the Faculty of Human Ecology in the area of Nutrigenomics.

Candidates must be established scholars with demonstrated potential of becoming world leaders in their research area. They should have a strong commitment toward interdisciplinary research and the ability to attract excellent graduate students. A Ph.D. (or appropriate degree qualifications) with several years of experience relevant to the interplay between nutrition and genetics (nutrigenomics) is preferred. The appointment will be tenure-track Assistant or Associate Professor with limited teaching responsibilities. Women applicants nominees are particularly encouraged.

The successful candidate will develop a research program that will focus on relationships between diet and human health and will utilize high content approaches for ‘omics’-based research that can be applied to the investigation of effects of dietary components on patterns of gene expression (transcriptomics), synthesis and structure of proteins (proteomics) or the profile and function of metabolites (metabolomics). Read more about the Department of Human Nutritional Sciences at their website.

The University encourages applications from qualified women and men, including members
Applicants should send a curriculum vitae with a brief (1 page) five-year program plan along with the names, addresses, telephone and fax numbers of three references to Dr. Carla Taylor, Chair of Selection Committee, Dep't of Human Nutritional Sciences, Faculty of Human Ecology, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB, R3T 2N2 or by e-mail (preferred) to ctaylor@cc.umanitoba.ca. Enquiries by telephone (204) 474-8079, FAX (204) 474-7592, or e-mail are welcome. Nominations or applications, including letters of reference, will be handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (Manitoba). Review of applications will begin on January 15, 2008 and will continue until the position is filled. All Chairs are subject to review and final approval by the CRC Secretariat. Position Number 06656/06657.

Faculty Position in Nutrition and Food Science, Wayne State University

The Department of Nutrition and Food Science, Wayne State University, invites applications for a nine-month Tenured/Tenure-track Assistant/Associate Professor Position.

Applicants should have an earned doctoral degree in nutrition or related discipline. The successful candidate should have a strong funding record, and is expected to establish an independent research program, teach undergraduate and graduate courses in human nutrition or food science, direct graduate students’ research, and participate in academic activities. Individuals with research interests similar but not limited to obesity, lipid metabolism, aging and cancer, food microbiology and microbial pathogenesis are encouraged to apply. Rank and salary are corresponding with experience. The Department offers Masters and Ph.D. degrees and a Coordinated Program in Dietetics.

Application review will begin in December 2007 and continue until the position is filled. Applicants should apply on line at https://jobs.wayne.edu with posting number 034638. All supporting documents, in addition to submitting online, should be sent to Dr. Cathy Jen, Professor and Interim Chair, Department of Nutrition and Food Science, 3009 Science Hall, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI 48202, Phone: (313) 577-2500, Fax: (313) 577-8616, Website: www.clas.wayne.edu/NFS/

Wayne State University is committed to equal opportunity and the diversity of its workforce.

NUTRITION COORDINATOR, International Food Policy Research Institute, Washington, DC

(Ref: # 07-160)
IFPRI identifies and analyzes alternative national and international strategies and policies for meeting world food needs in ways that conserve the natural resource base, with emphasis on low-income countries and the poorer groups in those countries.

We are seeking a Nutrition Coordinator to provide overall leadership for research related to human nutrition and food technology. This includes:

• Implementation of scientific, state-of-the art methods to assess micronutrient content and bioavailability in food
• Commissioning research in the areas of human nutrition and food technology and ‘Nutritional Breeding Objectives’
• Recommending strategic directions for the Program especially relating to nutrition activities and their interface with other components of the program
• Conducting outreach/networking with health and nutrition communities

The successful candidate will have:

• Ph.D. degree with specialization in human nutrition
• 7 years or more of working experience in planning and implementing nutrition research trials in developing countries
• Good knowledge and understanding of the links between agriculture and health

IFPRI offers a multicultural, collegial research environment with competitive salary and excellent benefits. IFPRI is an international and equal opportunity organization and believes that diversity of its staff contributes to excellence. We encourage women and developing-country professionals to apply.

TO APPLY & FOR A COMPLETE JOB DESCRIPTION: Go to www.ifpri.org. Click on “Careers” and “Research” to link you to Position # 07-160 – NUTRITION COORDINATOR – DGO. Please complete on-line application, including a complete resume, cover letter and references.

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ASSISTANT PROFESSOR in Nutrition Science, University at Buffalo, State University of New York

The University at Buffalo, State University of New York, invites applications for a tenure-track faculty position at the Assistant Professor level in the Department of Exercise and Nutrition Sciences, School of Public Health and Health Professions. The start date is negotiable. All applicants will be considered but preference will be given to candidates with research expertise in human nutrition applied to public health issues. Candidates should have an earned doctorate in a discipline relevant to nutrition. Postdoctoral research experience is required. A record of outstanding achievement in research with publications in high quality journals is desired.

The successful candidate will be expected to develop an independent research program and seek external funding to strengthen the departmental research mission, which combines nutrition and exercise science to address public health issues. The candidate will also teach courses in nutrition, improve the interdisciplinary nature of existing graduate programs, and contribute to service. Candidates should submit 1) a letter of application, 2) a curriculum vitae, 3) a brief statement of future research plans, and 4) the names and contact information for three references to: https://www.ubjobs.buffalo.edu Posting #0601840

The Department of Exercise and Nutrition Sciences is one of the academic units in the School of Public Health and Health Professions. There are well-established research programs and excellent facilities available within the Department and School. The Department offers a BS in Exercise Science, a BS/MS in Exercise Nutrition, a Dietetic Internship with Advanced (Graduate) Certificate, MS degrees in Nutrition and Exercise Science, and a Ph.D. degree in Exercise Science. The areas of emphasis available in the PhD program include Nutrition.

The University at Buffalo is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. The Department of Exercise and Nutrition Sciences is interested in identifying prospective minority and women candidates and professionals with disabilities. Qualified individuals with a disability may request needed reasonable accommodation to participate in the application process. No person in whatever relationship with The State University of New York shall be subject to discrimination on the basis of age, creed, color, disability, national origin, race, religion, ethnicity, sex, sexual orientation, marital or veteran status.

Associate or Full Professor, Nutrition Research Institute and the Department of Nutrition, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

The Nutrition Research Institute (NRI) and the Department of Nutrition in the School of Public Health at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill are jointly recruiting for an associate or full professor with expertise in nutrient intake assessment, although strong assistant professor candidates may also be considered. We are seeking a candidate who can collaborate with researchers specializing in metabolomics and nutrient genomics; who can oversee human clinical facilities for diet assessment; and who is interested in improving methods for dietary assessment. This position is located at the North Carolina Research Campus in Kannapolis, NC (near Charlotte).

We offer: A world-class facility focusing on nutrigenomics and metabolomics as they apply to human nutrition • Hard money support for researchers • Excellent start-up packages • Brand new labs and office space • Capacity to do human and mouse research • Major investment in state-of-the-art instrumentation and equipment in metabolomics and nutrigenomics • Outstanding intellectual environment on campus with programs from 7 universities

For more information about the NRI or to apply, visit our website, www.uncnri.org.

We strongly encourage applications from women, minorities and individuals with disabilities. The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Associate and Assistant Professors (2 Positions), Department of Family & Consumer Sciences, Texas State University-San Marcos

Appointment Date: September 1, 2008; Job Posting #: 2008-29 & 2008-30

Responsibilities: Tenure-track positions in the Nutrition and Foods Program in the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences. The Nutrition and Foods Program has an accredited Didactic
Program in Dietetics, a post-baccalaureate accredited Dietetic Internship. An MS in Human Nutrition is approved for the fall of 2008. Currently, approximately 300 students major in our undergraduate Nutrition and Foods program. **Associate** - the position is a nine-month appointment with possible summer teaching. Responsibilities include teaching undergraduate and graduate courses; developing new courses/curricula in such areas as molecular nutrition, nutrient regulation of gene expression, nutrition and disease, bioactive substances and human health and nutrition research; supervising thesis research and writing; engaging in an active, externally funded research program; participating in appropriate service activities. **Assistant** - the position is a nine-month appointment with possible summer teaching. Responsibilities include teaching undergraduate and graduate courses; developing new courses/curricula in food science, food systems production & management, food technology, food product development and food processing; supervising thesis research and writing; engaging in an active, externally funded research program; participating in appropriate service activities.

**Required Qualifications:**
**Associate** - Earned doctorate in nutrition or a closely related field. Experience teaching undergraduate/graduate courses related to molecular nutrition, nutrient regulation of gene expression, nutrition and disease, bioactive substances and human health, and nutrition research. Successful publications of original research in refereed journals; successful record of external research funding. Supervision of thesis research and writing.
**Assistant** - Earned doctorate in food science, food systems production management, food technology, food processing, or a closely related field; Evidence of research experience; Ability to teach courses related to food science, food systems production & management, food technology, food product development, and food processing.

**Preferred Qualifications:**
**Association** - Experience in clinical human nutrition research. Registered Dietitian.
**Assistant** - Undergraduate and/or graduate teaching experience; Food industry-related experience; Peer-reviewed journal publications; Grant writing experience; Evidence of financial support for research; Teaching and research awards; Registered Dietitian.

**Application Procedures:** Applicants should mail or e-mail [fcs@txstate.edu](mailto:fcs@txstate.edu) a current vita, a letter of intent, and a list of 3 individuals who will provide references to: Chair of the

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**NUTR Search Committee, Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, 601 University Drive, San Marcos, TX 78666 by November 15 (For Assoc.) & November 1 (For Assist.) for the most favorable review of the application**

Additional information about the university and its nationally recognized academic programs is available online. Texas State University-San Marcos is an equal opportunity educational institution and as such does not discriminate on grounds of race, religion, sex, national origin, age, physical or mental disabilities, or status as a disabled or Vietnam era veteran. Texas State is committed to increasing the number of women and minorities in faculty and senior administrative positions.

**Research Physiologist/Research Nutritionist/Research Chemist (Research Leader), USDA, ARS, North Dakota**

GS-0413/0630/1320-14/15, $89,115 - $136,273 per annum

The USDA, Agricultural Research Service (ARS), Micronutrient Absorption and Metabolism Research Unit of the Grand Forks Human Nutrition Research Center in Grand Forks, North Dakota, is seeking a permanent, full-time scientist to serve as Research Leader. The incumbent will be responsible for conducting independent research and leading a multidisciplinary research unit focused on the role of foods in maintaining a healthy body weight and preventing chronic disease (e.g., diabetes, cardiovascular disease, cancer, and osteoporosis). The incumbent plans, implements, and reports the results of research on the impact of bioactive components of foods on metabolic endpoints related to physiologic, immune and/or cognitive function, and/or risks of obesity, non-insulin dependent diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and/or cancer. A comprehensive benefits package includes paid sick leave and annual leave, life and health insurance, a savings and investment plan (401K type), and a Federal retirement plan. For more information on the research program and/or position, contact Isela Losek on (701) 795-8370. Complete information and application procedures may be obtained at http://www.afm.ars.usda.gov/divisions/hrd/vacancy/VAC2.htm. To have a printed copy of the vacancy announcement mailed to you, call (701) 795-8370. Send applications to: USDA, Agricultural Research Service, Human Resources Division, Attn: Keli A. Martin, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Stop 5106, Beltsville, MD 20705-5106, Fax: (301) 504-1535; e-mail: scirecruit@ars.usda.gov. Applications must be marked ARS-X8W-0010 and postmarked by December 12, 2007. U.S. Citizenship is required. USDA/ARS is an Equal Opportunity Employer and Provider.
Contract Research Organization (CRO) located in the western suburbs of Chicago that specializes in the design, conduct, and management of clinical trials in nutrition is seeking a clinical scientist/medical writer. The ideal candidate should have substantial medical writing experience (manuscripts, abstracts, presentations, protocols) and a background in nutritional sciences, life sciences, or clinical sciences. An advanced degree (Ph.D. preferred, M.S. accepted) is desired, preferably with direct experience in the conduct of clinical trials. The ability to multitask and meet deadlines is critical for the success of this position, as is a keen sense of detail and the ability to work collaboratively with others. Solid understanding of scientific or clinical research and the publication planning process is essential. Proficiency with MS-Office, Excel, and PowerPoint is necessary. Please e-mail resume along with 2-3 writing samples to: trains@providentcrc.comv

Datelines

Dateline West...with John McNamara

From the University of Hawaii... The Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii approved the opening of a new intercollege PhD in Nutrition, housed in the Department of Human Nutrition, Food, and Animal Sciences at the University of Hawaii. The PhD is a joint collaboration of The College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, The Cancer Research Center of Hawaii, and The John A. Burns School of Medicine. Inquiries may be directed to Michael A. Dunn, Chair of the new program, at mdunn@hawaii.edu

From Washington State University... John McNamara received the American Society of Animal Sciences Corbin Award for his teaching work in Companion Animal Biology; he also was elected to the WSU President’s Teaching Academy for his contributions to teaching and curriculum at WSU

From Arizona State University... Keith R. Martin joined the Department of Nutrition as part of the Interdisciplinary Doctoral Program in Physical Activity, Nutrition and Wellness (PANW). Keith’s research focuses on the effects of dietary bioactive agents, dietary supplements, and functional foods on the cancer process using in vitro, in vivo and clinical approaches with an emphasis on molecular nutrition. He recently presented two invited talks entitled “Whey protein concentrate as a dietary supplement in the cancer process” and “Potential formation of biologically active glutathione from undenatured dietary whey protein” at a meeting of Immunotec Research, Inc.

Information for Dateline West should be sent to John McNamara, Washington State University, Department of Animal Sciences, 233 Clark Hall, Pullman WA 99164-6351, TEL: 509-335-4113; FAX: 509-335-4246; email: mcnamara@wsu.edu

Dateline Southeast...with Kathryn Kolasa

Elwood W. Speckmann recently was presented an Award of Special Recognition by Shriners Hospitals for Children and Shriners of North America “for his support, hard work, and dedication as the former Corporate Director of the Medical Research Program and to congratulate him on his appointment as an Emeritus Member of the Research Advisory Board for Shriners Hospitals for Children.” The Award stated, further, that “his invaluable leadership and service are gratefully acknowledged and hereby officially recognized.” Although retired, Dr. Speckmann continues to consult for SHC to help with their Medical Research Program in orthopaedics, burns and spinal cord injury.

From Auburn University... Werner G. Bergen, Department of Animal Sciences, Auburn University recently presented a general seminar entitled: “Musings of a Nutritionist: From Animal Feeding, Protein Turnover to Molecular Regulation of Lipid Metabolism”, and a presentation to graduate students on the topic “A Career in Academia? Is this the time and what is needed to be competitive or should one look at other alternatives?” at Oklahoma State University.

From East Carolina University... Kathy Kolasa presented “Dietary Supplements, Medications and Surgery for Obesity Treatment” as part of the North Carolina Eat Smart Move More Weight Less statewide training. Along with Ann Grandjean she presented the “Truths and Myths about Hydration” at the Food and Nutrition Conference of the American Dietetic Association in Philadelphia. Kathy Kolasa presented "Obesity: a Surrogate for a Bad Diet” at the ECU Internal Medicine Annual CME at Atlantic Beach, NC.

From Emory University... Thomas Ziegler is the Co-Director of the Research Education, Training and Career Development Core of the Atlanta Clinical and Translational Science Institute (ACTSI), a new NIH-funded consortium between Emory University, Morehouse School of Medicine and Georgia Tech. He also serves as Program Director of the ACTSI T32 component, which will provide Master’s-
level didactic and practical training in clinical and translational research to medical students and predoctoral PhD candidates, leading to joint MD/ MSc and PhD/MSc degrees.

From Louisiana State University Ag Center...

Michael Keenan of the Division of Human Nutrition and Food gave two invited presentations on resistant starch research. The first presentation was at the Polymer Chemists’ section of the American Chemical Society annual conference in Boston, MA on August 23rd. The title of the presentation was Health benefits of dietary resistant starch, a non digestible fermentable glucose polymer. The second presentation was at a symposium that preceded the annual conference of the American Dietetics Association on September 29 in Philadelphia, PA. The symposium was called The new fiber story: natural resistant starch. Sponsors of the symposium were Oldways (a think-tank for improving diet and health) and the National Starch and Chemical Company. The presentation was titled Fermentation of Natural Resistant Starch and Health Implications.

From UNC-Chapel Hill Dept of Nutrition...Anna Maria Siega-Riz was awarded the 2007 March of Dimes Agnes Higgins Award for Maternal and Fetal Nutrition at the American Public Health Association Annual meeting. This award recognizes distinguished achievement in research, education or clinical services in the field of maternal-fetal nutrition. Miroslav Styblo spoke at the NIH conference on Future Research on Endocrine Disruption: Translation of Basic and Animal Research to Understand Human Disease in August 2007. His postdoctoral fellow David Paul was awarded a 2-year postdoctoral fellowship from the UNC Interdisciplinary Obesity Center (IDOC). Barry Popkin is a member of the Mexican Beverage Guidelines Panel created under the Minister of Health. The IDOC he heads organized a Global Obesity Business Forum attended by senior executives of 14 of the 16 largest food companies in the world with Drs. Walt Willett, Rick Mattes, and George Bray among those speaking. Erik Karlsson, a doctoral student mentored by Melinda Beck, spoke at the Wake Forest University School of Medicine Center for Botanical Lipids about his research project “Lack of glycerophosphate acyltransferase-1 intensifies coxsackievirus B3 infection in mice.”

From UNC-Greensboro, Department of Nutrition...

Amy Strickland attended the practicum entitled “Current Issues and Recent Developments in Dietary Supplement Research” held May 21-25 at the NIH Office of Dietary Supplements. In addition to being Chair of the Department of Nutrition, Debbie Kipp has assumed the responsibilities as Interim Director of the UNCG Center for Research Excellence in Bioactive Food Components. This Center is a satellite program of the Dept. of Nutrition and will be located at the North Carolina Research Campus (NCRC) in Kannapolis, NC. Dr. Kipp is also a member of the NCRC Academic Planning Committee, the NCRC Scientific Advisory Committee, and the Rowan-Cabarrus Community College Biotechnology Advisory Committee.

Carinthia Cherry a graduate student mentored by Martha Taylor is the recipient of a Pre-doctoral traineeship as part of the TRIAD EXPORT Center for Health Disparities; Funded by the NIH National Center for Minority Health & Health Disparities. Sarah Francis and Martha Taylor’s research was presented at the Society for Nutrition Education’s Conference in Chicago, “Nutrition Education Improves Morale and Self-Efficacy in Elder Women,” and at the Annual Meeting of the American Dietetic Association in Philadelphia, “Dietitian-Led In-Home Nutrition Education Program Improves Nutritional Status and Dietary Practices in Elder Women.” Martha Taylor was selected to participate in a workgroup meeting to assist the Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education (CADE) Accreditation Standards Committee in revising the educational knowledge requirements for entry-level practice. The Fall Departmental Seminar series included talks from Michael Spurlock, Iowa State University and Heidi Kalkwarf, Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center. Dr. Spurlock’s talk was entitled “The Adipocyte is it a friend or foe?” and Dr. Kalkwarf’s talk was entitled “Bone Density and Forearm Fractures in Children”.

From the University of Florida...The Food Science and Human Nutrition Department welcomes new department chair Neil F. Shay, who comes to Gainesville from the WK Kellogg Institute for Food and Nutrition Research. Jesse Gregory presented a seminar entitled “Folate and Vitamin B6 Interactions in Human One-Carbon Metabolism – Seeking Answers with Stable Isotopic Probes” at the University of Connecticut Department of Nutritional Sciences, Oct 5, 2007. Susan S. Percival was invited and attended Nestlé’s 4th International Symposium on Nutrition, held in Lausanne, Switzerland. This year’s theme was on Nutrition and Cancer.

Information for Dateline Southeast should be sent to Kathryn M. Kolasa, The Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University, 600 Moye Blvd, Suite 4N-70, Greenville, NC 27834; TEL: (252) 744-5462; FAX: (252) 744-3040; email: Kolasaka@ecu.edu

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HOLIDAYS 2007
**MEMBER ALERT:** All of us across the Atlantic are starved for all the news of our colleagues in The Netherlands and Europe. Please communicate your news to Drs Winkhofer-Roob and Van Wouwe at the addresses listed at the end of the Dateline.

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

The 1st European regional meeting of the Academy of Breastfeeding Medicine for physicians took place at Goppingen (Germany) October 27. The role of the physician in support for the breastfeeding mother was the main topic. Lawrence Gartner (University of Chicago) was the first speaker. Magdalena Paulova (Prague, Czech Republic) as a neonatologist discussed the practical implications. The interaction of drugs and breastfeeding were discussed by Christopher Schaefer (Berlin, Germany) and the need of the baby by Daniela Karall (Innsbruck, Austria). Lars Hanson (Goteberg, Sweden) gave an update on the immunological benefits of (extended) breastfeeding. Michael Abou Dakn (Berlin, Germany) outlined the breast emergencies, and how to help breastfeeding mothers. Rolf Pelleboer (Eindhoven, the Netherlands) gave the results of a nation wide study on hypernatraemic dehydration, a study performed by the Dutch Pediatric Surveillance Unit. Peter Blair (Bristol, UK) was the last speaker and presented his data on the risks of co-sleeping and bed-sharing. The meeting was the first on the European continent.

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

**From Guatemala...** Exchange students thrived at CeSSIAM during the summer of 2007. Alicia Díaz, Jana Wallace and Antón Lande undertook a survey for metabolic syndrome in schoolchildren under the tutelage of Manolo Mazariigos as part of a Minority Health International Research Training. **Odilia Bermudez**, Gabriela Montenegro and **Marielke Vossenaar** supervised Dublin Institute of Technology student, Clair Toher, on a project related to fatty acid composition of school child diets. Klaus Schümann of the Technical University of Munich invited **Noel Solomons** twice in August to the Bavarian capital in connection with the founding of the Hildegard Grunow Foundation for Nutrition Study. Both are members of the Board. Dedicated in memory of Prof. Schümann’s mother, the foundation will support collaborative research between Guatemala and Munich. **Noel Solomons** was twice in the Washington area; once to attend the conference on Vitamin D and Health in the 21st Century: An Update, and again at the Launch Conference for the second Report of the World Cancer Research Fund/American Institute for Cancer Research in Washington. He spoke on the topic of bovine colostrum in the control of infections at the 1st International Workshop on Immunonutrition, held in Valencia, Spain. **Hernan Delgado** and **Noel Solomons** were speakers on the program of the first Nestlé Workshop held in Spanish in the Latin American region in Panama City in October. The general theme was Pediatric Nutrition in Latin America. The first entry in Spanish in the Nestlé Monograph Series will emanate from this event. **Manuel Ramirez**, from INCAP, visited several countries in Central America to collect information on the current status of chronic diseases in the region, including a needs assessment on the part of the Ministries of Health to contend with these over the following five years. With this information, **Manuel** spent two days visiting the RAND Corporation in Santa Monica CA, where he met with **Benjamin Caballero** and **Homero Martinez** to work on a proposal to be submitted to Ovations, aimed at establishing a regional center of excellence to build capacity in the developing world to face the raising epidemic of chronic diseases.

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**Dateline North...Darlene Berryman**

**From the University of Chicago Medical Center...** **Esra Tasali** was a featured speaker for a joint INP Seminar/Corporate Affiliates meeting on September 28. Her presentation was “Sleep Deprivation, Appetite Regulation and Diabetes Risk.”

**From Purdue University...** **Connie Weaver** participated in the Asian Nutrition Congress in Taipei Sept 9-13th, the International Dairy Federation in Dublin Oct 3-4, and gave CME seminars in 3 cities in South Africa Oct 16-18. Purdue is partnering in the formation of a new NIH Center for the Protective Roles of Grape-Derived Polyphenols in Alzheimer’s Disease.

**From Iowa State University...** Iowa State University is pleased to announce the opening
of the Nutrition and Wellness Research Center under the leadership of interim director Diane Birt. The NWRC was established to reduce the incidence of chronic disease and improve the quality of life for citizens in the state and across the nation. Researchers affiliated with the Nutrition and Wellness Research Center will investigate the relationships amongst dietary components, physical activity, and lifestyle that influence chronic disease risk. Dr. Birt also serves as director of The Iowa Center for Research on Botanical Dietary Supplements which has received $4.4 million in continuation funding from the National Institutes of Health. The center is dedicated to understanding and improving Echinacea and Hypericum perforatum (St. John’s wort), two top-selling dietary supplements. The renewal is for three years. Dr. Birt participated in the NCCAM/ODS Center Directors meeting and presented an overview for the Iowa Botanical Research Center in Bethesda, MD, on July 18-20. She also chaired the External Advisory Committee meeting of the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center Botanical Research Center meeting August 28-29 in New York City; and participated in an Innovations Point Workshop for Hill’s Pet Foods in Kansas City on September 11, 2007. Suzanne Hendrich was awarded the Regents Award for Faculty Excellence from Iowa State University. The award recognizes a faculty member who is an outstanding university citizen and who has rendered significant service to Iowa State and/or the state of Iowa.

From Michigan State University...Pam Fraker was awarded the 2007 Jean Andrews Lectureship at the University of Texas in Austin. She spent the first week of October interacting with faculty in the Division of Nutrition and with Faculty at the MD Anderson Research Park.

From The Ohio State University...Steve Schwartz has been named a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Martha Belury gave an invited talk on the role of conjugated linoleic acid in insulin mediated glucose metabolism at the International Congress of Research of Conjugated Linoleic Acid in Sardinia, Italy in September. Mark Failla presented an invited lecture on carotenoid bioavailability at the 10th Asian Congress of Nutrition in Taipei. During his visit, Mark also gave invited lectures at a number of universities in the Taichung area of Taiwan. Joshua Bomser was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure in the Ohio State University Department of Human Nutrition. Elizabeth Jeffery and Steve Clinton were invited speakers in the Department of Human Nutrition Seminar Series during autumn quarter. Robert DiSilvestro presented an invited talk called “Molybdenum enzyme inhibition related to tungsten” on August 9 at the 10th Annual Force Health protection Conference, hosted by the US Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine in Louisville, KY.

From Ohio University...Darlene Berryman gave an invited lecture at Virginia Tech entitled “The impact of growth hormone on adipose tissue.”

From Rush University...Kathryn S. Keim was an invited presenter at University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign on September 25, 2007 as part of the International Forum on the Diabetes Epidemic: Cultural, Educational, and Medical Perspectives on Building Synergies for the Mexican and US Populations. The title of her presentation was “Overview of US Diabetes Education in the Private, Public and Community Settings.” Susie Rockway was invited by the Chicago Dietetic Association to present “Functional Fats—The Mighty Omega’s”.

She has recently stepped down as Director of Research & Development at PharmaNutrients, Inc. to join Rush University. She also presented research on “A Novel Nicotinic Acid-Based Dietary Supplement Reduced Triacylglycerides in Healthy, Hyperlipidemic Adults” at the Rush Research Forum. Christine Tangney was an invited speaker for the Nutritional Medicine Programme Model on Nutrition and Ageing at the University of Surrey, Guildford, Surrey, Great Britain in June 2007.

From the University of Illinois-Urbana...Dave Baker and Rod Johnson traveled to China in early November to give lectures in Beijing and Wuhan. Karen Chapman-Novakofski received the American Dietetic Association Foundation’s first research grant, entitled “HOT project: Healthy Outcomes in Teens”. Darla Castelli, Ellen Evans, and Jane Scherer are co-PIs on the grant. John Erdman was part of the International Advisory Board for the 10th Asian Congress of Nutrition that was held in Taipei, Taiwan in September. He also presented 3 invited talks during the meeting. John also was an invited speaker at the 7th International Soy Symposium in Bangkok, Thailand in March. While in Thailand, he was also a seminar presenter at the International Symposium on Human Health Effects of Fruits and Vegetables, Houston, October 9-13, 2007. Robert Reynolds will retire from the Department of Human Nutrition at UI-Chicago and the Division of Nutritional Sciences at UIUC effective December 31, 2007. Kelly Swanson presented on the Role of Nutrition and Obesity in Orthopedic Disease at the 2007 American College of Veterinary Surgeons Veterinary Symposium in Chicago in October. The Division of Nutritional Sciences hosted the following external speakers in the Fall 2007 seminar series: Patrick J. Stover (Cornell University), Daniel Pomp (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill),
Lewis P. Rubin (Cleveland Clinic, OH), Margarita Teran-Garcia (Pennington Biomedical Research Center, Baton Rouge, LA), James C. Fleet (Purdue University).

From the University of Minnesota...Joseph Prohaska gave an invited lecture on the "Role of Copper Transporters in Copper Homeostasis" at the Molecular Biomarkers of Copper Homeostasis international symposium in Vina del Mar Chile in September, 2008. Dan Gallacher spoke at the Twin Cities District Dietetics Association (TCDDA) on September 11 on "Vitamin D - New Light on an Old Vitamin". Joanne Slavin gave an invited talk at the 2007 ADA meeting in Philadelphia on "Nutritive Sweeteners and Related Health Myths." Donald Dengel gave two invited talks titled "Endothelial Dysfunction in Children: The Role of Obesity, Exercise and Weight Loss" and "Children: A Special Population" at the Northland Regional Chapter American College of Sports Medicine Annual Fall Meeting, Brookings, South Dakota, October 2007. Don has been appointed to the American Heart Association Writing Group for the Outcomes Centers Research Program Grants, Dallas, Texas. Carrie Earthank received the Award for Excellence in the Practice of Dietetics Research, American Dietetic Association, 2007. Cathy Kotz gave an invited lecture at the American Chemical Society Fall Meeting, Brookings, South Dakota, October 2007. Don has been appointed to the American Heart Association Writing Group for the Outcomes Centers Research Program Grants, Dallas, Texas. Carrie Earthank received the Award for Excellence in the Practice of Dietetics Research, American Dietetic Association, 2007. Cathy Kotz gave an invited lecture at the American Chemical Society meeting in Boston in August, 2007, titled "Brain regulation of NEAT and obesity resistance." She also received Veteran’s Administration Performance Award and became Associate Editor for the International Journal of Obesity. Frank Q. Nuttall and Mary C. Gannon presented their work on the “Effect of orally administered isoleucine +/- glucose on insulin, glucagon and glucose concentrations in normal subjects” at the 48th Annual American College of Nutrition Meeting, in Orlando, FL, September 26-30, 2007. Mindy Kurzer gave a series of invited talks in October, 2007, to the media and health professionals in Tokyo, Ho Chi Minh City, and Hanoi on the work she and Jill Hamilton-Reeves performed on soy and prostate cancer prevention.

From the University of Wisconsin-Madison... Susan Smith received a prestigious MERIT (Method to Extend Research in Time) Award from the National Institutes of Health for her research into Fetal Alcohol Syndrome. Her research investigates the G protein-coupled signals utilized by ethanol to initiate neural crest cells apoptosis. The Interdepartmental Graduate Program in Nutritional Sciences and the NIH-funded Molecular and Applied Nutrition Training Grant had their Fall Research Symposium. This year the topic was "Recent Advances in Understanding the Etiology and Treatment of Type 2 Diabetes". The speakers were Robert Rizza (Mayo Clinic), Christopher Newgard (Duke University), Philipp Scherer (UT-Southwestern Medical Center) and former doctoral trainee Jessica Byers Flowers, (University of Wisconsin-Hospital and Clinics).

From Wayne State University...Department of Nutrition and Food Science hosted a very successful and well-attended Trans Fat Symposium on May 18, 2007. Invited speakers included The Honorable Lee Gonzales, Michigan State Representative; Dariush Mozaffarian of Harvard University; Marilyn Schorin of Schorin Strategies; KC Hayes of Brandeis University; Bruce Holub of University of Guelph; Gerald McNell of Loders Croklaan; Mary LaGuaardia of Dow Agro Sciences; Brent Flickinger of Archer Daniel Midlands; Richard Wilkes of Monsanto Co; Kalyana Sundram of Malaysian Palm Oil Council. Laura Freeland Kull and Charity Simkins of Michigan Dietetic Association also delivered talks from dietitians’ perspective. Ahmad Heydari was invited to give a seminar entitled “Molecular Mechanisms of Cancer Prevention by Nutrition Intervention: The Role of Base Excision Repair Pathway” at the Herman Brockman Alumni Seminar Series in Genetics at the Department of Biological Sciences, Illinois State University on April 12, 2007. Dr. Heydari also received a grant from NIH/NCI (Comprehensive Minority Biomedical Branch for Bonita Leavell) on a project entitled “Base excision repair deficiency, folate deficiency and GI cancer, Research supplements to promote diversity in health-related research.”

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Dateline Canada ... with Gordon Zello

From the Canadian Federation of Biological Sciences...The 6th Northern Lights Summer Conference organized by the Canadian Federation of Biological Societies will be held June 17-20, 2008 at the Fort Garry Campus, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB. The theme of this year’s conference is "Biology of Aging; New Answers to Old Questions". For further information visit: www.cfbs.org.

From the University of British Columbia... Tim Green has been appointed as an Associate Professor in the Food, Nutrition and Health Program at UBC, starting January 2008.

From the University of Manitoba... Candice Rideout joined the Department of Human Nutritional Sciences in July as an Assistant Professor in Community Nutrition. Most recently, she was a postdoctoral research and teaching fellow at the University of British Columbia, where
she completed her Ph.D. in Human Nutrition in 2006. Dr. Rideout’s research interests include participatory approaches to community nutrition, psychosocial aspects of human nutrition, nutrition education, food security and nutrition ecology. Michel Aliani also joined the Department in July as an Assistant Professor in Sensory Science. Dr. Aliani has an engineering degree in Agri-Food Biochemistry from Conservatoire National des Arts et Metiers (CNAM), Paris, France and obtained his PhD in Meat Flavor Chemistry from Queen’s University Belfast, UK. His research focuses on the flavor chemistry of meat and uses a combination of advanced chromatography and sensory evaluation techniques.

From the University of Guelph...Congratulations to Professor Emeritus Bruce Holub for a well-deserved honour received at the Canadian Nutrition Congress held in Winnipeg in June. Dr. Holub received the Distinguished Nutrition Leadership Award (sponsored by the Danone Institute of Canada) in recognition of his training of students, his research on omega-3 fatty acids and trans fats and for communicating this information to the public via many invited lectures and interviews. David Ma joined the Department of Human Health and Nutritional Sciences in September. Dr. Ma completed his Ph.D. in the Department of Medicine at the University of Alberta under the supervision of Tom Clandinin followed by an NSERC & Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research postdoctorate at Texas A&M University in the laboratory of Robert Chapkin. He has been a faculty member at the University of Toronto in the Department of Nutritional Sciences in 2004. Dr. Ma’s research program focuses on understanding the molecular and cellular mechanisms by which n-3 polyunsaturated fatty acids and conjugated linoleic acids protect against breast cancer.

From the University of Toronto...Elena Comelli was appointed to assistant professor in the Department of Nutritional Sciences. Prior to this Dr. Comelli trained at the Nestlé Research Centre, Lausanne, Switzerland and the Department of Molecular Biology and Molecular and Experimental Medicine, The Scripps Research Institute, La Jolla, CA, USA. Ahmed El-Sohemy and Wendy Ward have been granted tenure and were promoted to associate professor.

From Memorial University...Sean Brosnan has been inducted as a fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences. The Canadian Academy of Health Sciences recognizes individuals of great accomplishment and achievement in the academic health sciences in Canada.

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

From Kansas State University...After 13 years at Kansas State University, Richard Baybutt has taken a position as a Full Professor and Department Head at Wheaton College in Illinois. Dr. Baybutt has served K-State well in his tenure here and will be sorely missed. Wequin George Wang, Delores Chambers, and Edgar Chambers all attended the European Nutrition Conference in Paris, France this July. Delores Chambers presented a paper entitled “Knowledge and Practice of In-Home Food Safety by Consumers”. Edgar Chambers presented a paper entitled “Portion Size Estimation is Not Based on Weight Status”. Koushik Adhikari spent two weeks at Texas A&M University working with Rhonda Miller on Beef Sensory Analysis techniques. Dr. Adhikari won a Big-12 Faculty Fellowship to visit Dr Miller. Drs. Edgar and Delores Chambers went to Vietnam to take part in the Vietnam Program in Sensory Evaluation at Vietnam National HoChi Minh University of Technology. Dr. Delores Chambers presented a paper entitled “Green Tea Flavor Description: A Focus on Differences in Green and Brown Flavor Notes”. Dr. Edgar Chambers presented a paper entitled “Sensory Properties and Consumer Segmentation for Sweet Tamarind Varieties Grown in Thailand”. Edgar also chaired the session on “Statistical Methods for Consumer and Sensory Evaluation Tests”. Denis M Medeiros has been appointed on a permanent basis Associate Dean of Scholarship and Research and will continue to serve as Department Head of Human Nutrition. Sandy Procter has been appointed Assistant Professor of Human Nutrition and Extension Specialist for Maternal and Infant Nutrition.

From Oklahoma State University...Brenda Smith has been hired as an Associate Professor. Dr. Smith comes to OSU from University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. Solo Kuvbidil will be presenting an abstract on “Extracts from Four Edible Mushrooms Increase Intracellular alpha-Defensins...” at the first International Immunonutrition Workshop in October in Valencia, Spain. Tay Kennedy, David Thomas, Barbara Stoecker and Laura Hubbs-Tait received a USDA grant to study the effects of mineral deficiencies on cognitive development in US children. Edralin Lucas received a USDA grant to study bitter melon effects on inflammation and cardiovascular disease.
From Texas A&M University...Joseph Sharkey from the School of Rural Public Health at Texas A&M Health Science Center presented two papers at the International Society of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity Annual Meeting in Oslo, Norway: 1) "Using Participant-observations to Focus on Family Behaviors and Patterns of Eating Among Hispanic Colonia Residents"; and 2) "Neighborhood Deprivation and Locational Disadvantage for Access to Food Stores and Food Service Places by Hispanic Families in Texas Colonias". Dr. Sharkey also presented an invited talk entitled "Nutritional Needs of Older Americans: Implications for Policy" at the Florida Dietetic Association 72nd Annual Symposium, Marco Island, Florida. A paper published in The Journal of Nutrition by Texas A&M and Chinese scientists (Wu, G., Y.Z. Fang, S. Yang, J.R. Lupton, and N.D. Turner. (2004. Glutathione Metabolism and Its Implications for Health. J. Nutr. 134:489-492) was identified as the journal’s most cited paper in the past 2 years and it was also identified by ISI as a Fast-Breaking paper in Agricultural Sciences. In May, Joanne Lupton was awarded the 2007 Association of Former Students Distinguished Achievement Award in Research. Dr. Lupton spoke on "Scientific Substantiation of Claims in the USA: Impact on Functional Foods" at the International Life Sciences Institute International Symposium on Function Foods in Europe - International Developments in Science and Health Claims in Malta. Dr. Lupton attended the 16th Humans in Space Symposium in Beijing and spoke on "Detection of Radiation Exposure and Countermeasure Responses in vivo Using Exfoliated Rat Colonocytes Collected Over Time." Robert Chapkin enjoyed a mini-sabbatical in the lab of Ian Prior at the University of Liverpool, Department of Physiology. Experiments were conducted to determine the effect of polyunsaturated fatty acids on cell surface microdomain organization in situ. Using immuno-gold electron microscopy of plasma membrane sheets coupled with spatial point analysis of validated microdomain markers, morphologically featureless microdomains were visualized in cells at high resolution. Dr. Chapkin also presented an invited talk entitled "Bioactive dietary long chain fatty acids: Emerging mechanisms of action", at the International Congress on Conjugated Linoleic acid (CLA): From Experimental Models to Human Application in Villasimius, Italy, on September 22. Nancy Turner gave an invited presentation on “Quercetin Suppresses Early Colon Carcinogenesis Partly through Inhibition of Inflammatory Mediators” at the 2nd International Symposium on the Human Health Effects of Fruits and Vegetables in Houston.

From the University of Nebraska–Lincoln...Tim Carr and Georgia Jones have been promoted to the ranks of Full Professor and Associate Professor, respectively. Janos Zempleni has co-edited the fourth edition of the Handbook of Vitamins with Robert B. Rucker, Donald B. McCormick, and John W. Suttie. Janos was also named a member of the Editorial Board for The Journal of Nutrition, and Chair of the Nutrient-Gene Interactions RIS. Julie Albrecht was an invited speaker at the NATO workshop entitled "Food Safety and Security: Global Holistic Approaches for the Future and Environmental Impacts" in Galati, Romania, September 4-6. Dr. Petra Rust from the Department of Nutrition at the University of Vienna is on a two-month sabbatical in the laboratory of Janos Zempleni, Dept. of Nutrition & Health Sciences. Petra is seeking to develop a novel 96-well plate assay for holocarboxylase synthetase and is participating in a research project that addresses biotin-dependent signaling by nitric oxide. Janos gave an invited presentation entitled "Epigenetic Regulation of Chromatin Structure and Gene Function by Biotin: Are Biotin Requirements Being Met?" at the two-day symposium entitled "Diet, Epigenetic Events, and Cancer Prevention." This symposium was organized by the Nutritional Sciences Research Group, DCP, NCI, and the Office of Dietary Supplements, NIH, and was held in September. Janos also gave a presentation entitled "Biological Functions of Biotinylated Histones" in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, University of Nebraska Medical Center in September. Youssef Hassan from Janos’ lab was awarded an AICR travel grant to attend the AICR/WCRF International Research Conference on Food, Nutrition and Cancer in Washington, DC in November. At this conference, Youssef presented a paper entitled "A Tyrosine Kinase is Involved in the Nuclear Translocation of Human Holocarboxylase Synthetase and, hence, Binding of the Vitamin Biotin to Histones.” Youssef also was awarded the Shear Miles Award for outstanding graduate students by the Agricultural Research Division. Judy A. Driskell and Ira Wolinsky have edited a new book in sports nutrition "Sports Nutrition: Energy Metabolism and Exercise" published by CRC Press. The book includes discussion of energy-yielding nutrients, estimation of energy requirements, physiological aspects of energy metabolism.

From the USDA/ARS Grand Forks Human Nutrition Research Center, Grand Forks, ND...Forrest Nielsen gave the presentation "Boron and the Ultratrace Elements (Nickel, Silicon, Vanadium, Arsenic) – Are They Nutritionally Relevant” as part of the “Nutrition III: Current Issues in Nutrition and Nutrition Policy” seminar series at the Food and Drug Administration, College Park, MD in May. In August, he gave the presentation "Nutritional Importance of Magnesium for Bone, Brain and Cardiovascular Health” in the Medical Education Program of Altru Hospital, Grand Forks, in August. Three scientists from the Center participated at the International Society for Trace Element Research in Humans (ISTERH) annual meeting, held in Heraklion, Greece, October 21-26. They were: Curtiss Hunt – “Female Offspring of Rat
Dams Fed Low Boron Diets During Pregnancy and Lactation Exhibit Signs of the Metabolic Syndrome During Early Adulthood: Increased Body Weight, and Serum Triglycerides and Total Cholesterol Concentrations”; Janet Hunt – “Women’s Zinc Absorption is Unaffected by Dietary Calcium, With or Without High-Phytate Foods”; and Hank Lukaski – “Mineral Losses During Extreme Environmental Conditions.” Gerald Combs represented the USDA on the NICHD-led Indo-US Joint Working Group on Maternal and Child Health in New Delhi, India in September. Dr. Combs also addressed the Congress on Essential and Toxic Elements, in Stuttgart, Germany, on September 29, on the topic “Are There Risks Associated with Supranutritional Selenium?” The following seminars were presented at the Grand Forks Human Nutrition Research Center: Becky Costello, Office of Dietary Supplements, National Institutes of Health; Tina Tripp, GFHNRC Summer Intern Program Student; Sheena Curtis, GFHNRC Summer Intern Program Student; Scott Kronberg, USDA-ARS Northern Great Plains Research Laboratory; Huawei Zeng, Grand Forks Human Nutrition Research Center; James Roemmich, State University of New York at Buffalo; Hank Lukaski, Grand Forks Human Nutrition Research Center; Helena Lykkken, University of North Dakota; Kerr Anderson and Marvin Miller, Dow Chemical Company; Jay Cao, Grand Forks Human Nutrition Research Center; Forrest Nielsen, Grand Forks Human Nutrition Research Center; Daniel Bikle, University of California at San Francisco; Andrew J. Young, US Army Research Institute of Environmental Medicine; Rufus Chaney, Agricultural Research Center, Beltsville, MD; Christoph Plass, Tzagournis Medical Research Facility; Sam K.C. Chang, North Dakota State University.

From Baylor College of Medicine...Buford Nichols gave an invited lecture on “Founding of the Children’s Nutrition Research Center, Baylor College of Medicine” at the American Society of Nutrition, History of Nutrition Symposium in April. He gave another lecture on “Are all Starches Created Equal?” at the Children’s Nutrition Research Center, Baylor College of Medicine Seminar Series in August.

From South Dakota State University...Douglas McFarland, Professor of Muscle Biology and Monogastric Nutrition in the Animal and Range Science Department, was recently named a Distinguished Professor. David Schingoethe, Distinguished Professor of Dairy Science at SDSU, was named a Fellow of the American Dairy Science Association.

From Texas Tech University...Shwan-Li Shen has received a R21 clinical trial grant from the NIH Center for Complementary & Alternative Medicine (GTP and Tai Chi for Bone Health: a Pilot Study) to investigate the effect of green tea polyphenols and Tai Chi exercise on bone metabolism in postmenopausal women with low bone mass.

From the University of Missouri...The Nutritional Sciences Department at University of Missouri now spans three colleges: Medicine, Agriculture, and Human Environmental Sciences. Chris Hardin, professor of Pharmacology and Physiology, is the new chair and program leader. The Department will be hiring six new faculty, including physician-scientists, to be part of an interdisciplinary team that will investigate the obesity epidemic spanning from the pipette to patient to population policy. Kevin Fritsche, was recently promoted to Professor and appointed to be the leader of the Food for the 21st Century Nutritional Sciences Cluster, an interdisciplinary research group that promotes and facilitates the interaction between medical, biological and agricultural scientists on campus. This fall Dr. Fritsche presented an invited research seminar at the University of Kentucky entitled “Immunomodulation by Omega-3 Fatty Acids in Mice and Men.” He made a similar presentation at the University of Iceland while visiting at the request of the Dean of the Medical Faculty. Catherine Peterson was awarded the College of Human Development’s Maxine Seabaugh Schade Faculty Scholar Award for 2007 to support her work in vitamin D and health. David Ledoux presented a paper entitled “Efficacy of Modified Clay Adsorbents to Ameliorate the Toxic Effects of Aflatoxin in Broilers Fed Dietary Treatments from Hatch to 21 Days” at the XIth International IUPAC Symposium on Mycotoxins and Phycotoxins in Istanbul, Turkey. Dr. Ledoux also attended the 16th European Symposium on Poultry Nutrition in Strasbourg France, and was the co-author of a paper entitled "Estimation of the Relative Bioavailability of Zinc Sources for Broiler Chicks.”

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Dateline East...with Robert Jackson

From the Graduate Program in Nutrition at The Pennsylvania State University...Gordon L. Jensen was appointed to the Food and Nutrition Board of the Institute of Medicine for a 2007-2010 term. He spoke on Development of International Nutrition Guidelines at the ESPEN Congress in Prague in September and also gave a presentation on Nutrition and Inflammation at the Nestle Nutrition Workshop in Barcelona. Catharine Ross reports on two very enjoyable visits this fall to her alma maters. On September 8, she presented a talk on “Vitamin A and Immune Response” at Cornell University as part of the Graduate Students in Animal Science Annual Symposium, entitled Award Winning Research, held in Morrison Hall on the Ithaca campus. In October, she received the Lucille S. Hurley Distinguished Lecture Award in Nutrition from the Department of Nutrition, University of California at Davis. Her lecture title was “Vitamin A in the Neonatal Period.” She recently was appointed to a 3-year term as a member of the NIDDK Board of Scientific Counselors. On October 22, John Beard received the Pauline Schmitt Russell Distinguished Research Career Award from the Alumni Society of the College of Health and Human Development. John was recognized for his contributions on the nutritional impact of iron on the brain and cognitive function. John is hosting a Visiting Scholar from Kenya, Ms. Mary Oyunga. John Beard’s former Ph.D. student, Scott M. Smith, received the Alumni Recognition Award from the College of Health and Human Development Alumni Society on September 28. Dr Smith is senior nutritionist and manager for nutritional biochemistry at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). He is responsible for overseeing the nutritional status and nutrient requirements of astronauts before, during, and after space travel. Penny Kris-Etherton is the 2007 recipient of the Marjorie Hulsizer Copher Award. This award recognizes significant and on-going contributions to both the ADA and the field of nutrition. The prestigious honor was presented Sept. 29, 2007 at the ADA’s food and Nutrition Conference and Expos in Philadelphia. An Alumni reception was held in the Lowe’s Hotel to honor Penny Kris-Etherton, John Milner and IdaMarie Laquatro. Approximately, one-hundred people were in attendance, including twenty-nine PSU undergraduates and nine interns. Leann Birch and Penny Kris-Etherton hosted a one-day mini-symposium. Presentations on “Diabetes, Obesity and Weight Management” were given by researchers/graduate students from the Wageningen University in the Netherlands and researchers/ graduate students from the Dept. of Nutritional Sciences at PSU. Members from the Wageningen University included two research faculty and thirty graduate students. Cees de Graaf, Div. of Human Nutrition and Epidemiology presented a seminar to conclude the day’s events. Post Doctoral Scholars Jessica Grieger, Alison Hill and Veronica Lopez have joined the labs of Penny Kris-Etherton and Shannon Kelleher, respectively. Andrea Mastro invited Danny Welch, Leonard H. Robinson Professor of Pathology, University of Alabama at Birmingham to present a seminar entitled “BRMS1 interactions with SIN3A chromatin remodeling complex components selectively regulate metastasis suppressor and transcriptional repressor activities”.

From Yale University...Susan Mayne served on the Planning Committee for a conference convened by the Institute of Medicine/Food and Nutrition Board on “The Development of DRIs 1994-2004: Lessons Learned and New Challenges.” She also spoke at that conference on “Dose-Response Data: Are There Options for Dealing with Limited Data in Establishing Dietary Reference Intakes for North America?” Dr. Mayne also has been appointed to the Food and Nutrition Board for a 3-year term beginning in 2007. In September, she also traveled to Cornell University, where she delivered a seminar entitled “Controversies and Solutions in Epidemiologic Studies of Diet and Cancer: What is Diet and How Do We Measure It?”

From Rutgers The State University of New Jersey...Dawn Brasaemle delivered a talk at the Children’s Hospital of Oakland Research Institute, Oakland, CA, on October 9 entitled, “Lipid Droplets as a Dynamic Organelle: Proteins Controlling Triacylglycerol Metabolism”. She spoke again at the Department of Biochemistry at UMDNJ on October 18, and at the annual conference of NAASO, The Obesity Society in New Orleans, LA on October 22. She also co-organized a very successful FASEB Summer Research Conference “Lipid Droplets: Metabolic Consequences of Stored Neutral Lipids”, July 28-Aug 2, 2007, Vermont Academy, Saxtons River, VT, with Rosalind A. Coleman, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. The conference was the first ever convened to discuss diverse aspects of the biology of lipid droplets; participants voted to continue the conference, with the next conference planned for Summer, 2010. Both Ariel Igal and Judith Storch presented talks at this year’s conference, as did Gil-Soo Han, a research associate working with George Carman. John Worobey authored two poster presentations at the recent Food & Nutrition Conference and Expo, September 30th and October 2nd in Philadelphia. The papers were based on data from his NIH-funded RING Project (Rutgers Infant Nutrition & Growth), and were titled “Feeding frequency vs. caloric intake in low-income minority infants,” and “Maternal feeding style as a contributing factor to infant weight gain.” Two of his students, Monica M. Medina and Isabel C. Martin were his co-authors. Nurgul Fitzgerald served on the Planning Committee for a conference convened by the Institute of Medicine/Food and Nutrition Board on “The Development of DRIs 1994-2004: Lessons Learned and New Challenges.” She also spoke at that conference on “Dose-Response Data: Are There Options for Dealing with Limited Data in Establishing Dietary Reference Intakes for North America?” Dr. Mayne also has been appointed to the Food and Nutrition Board for a 3-year term beginning in 2007. In September, she also traveled to Cornell University, where she delivered a seminar entitled “Controversies and Solutions in Epidemiologic Studies of Diet and Cancer: What is Diet and How Do We Measure It?”

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“How to Get Published in The Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior,” at the Society for Nutrition Education Conference in Chicago, IL on July 28, 2007. Judith Storch presented a lecture at the International Conference on Lipid-Binding Proteins held in Vancouver, Canada, on June 4, 2007. Sue Shapses’ research was chosen and presented at the plenary session at the International Bone Mineral Society meeting in Montreal, Canada, June 2007. “Cortical volumetric bone mineral density (vBMD) and geometry in overweight and obese women using peripheral quantitative computed tomography” (Bone, 40: S164, 2007)

From the Department of Nutrition at the University of Massachusetts Amherst... Former Department Head Nancy Cohen is serving as Interim Dean of the School of Public Health and Health Sciences. Mokhtar Atallah is serving as Interim Department Head in Dr. Cohen’s absence. In September, Hiromi Gunshin gave a talk on “Iron Transport in the Gut” at the 2007 American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD) Clinical Research Single Topic Conference entitled "Hemochromatosis: What has Happened After HFE?” Hiromi Gunshin received a two-year grant from the Aplastic Anemia and MDS International Foundation for “Studies toward alternative therapies for iron overload patients with aplastic anemia.” Dr. Gunshin also received a two-year grant from the Cooley’s Anemia Foundation to investigate “Molecular analysis of iron overload in thalassemia.” Jean Anliker received a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Education to explore barriers to, and increase attendance in, school breakfast and summer food service program participation in rural communities of Western Massachusetts. Alayne Ronnenberg is the PI of a subcontract to an NIH U19 grant awarded to investigators at Brigham and Women’s Hospital to study the “Epidemiology and transmission dynamics of MDR/XDR tuberculosis” in Peru. Dr. Ronnenberg will assist in dietary and nutritional biomarker assessment in household contacts of persons with active tuberculosis.

From the Jean Mayer USDA Human Nutrition Research Center on Aging at Tufts University... Jeffrey Blumberg, Director of the Antioxidants Laboratory, was co-chair with Lenore Arab (UCLA) of the Fourth International Scientific Symposium on Tea and Human Health at the USDA. Enju Liu, a student working in the Nutritional Epidemiology Program, received the second place award at the 5th annual World Congress on the Insulin Resistance Syndrome for her poster titled “Association of plasma 25-hydroxy vitamin D with glucose tolerance and markers of insulin resistance in the Framingham Offspring Study.” Ms. Liu’s poster was selected as a finalist and for an oral presentation from more than 90 abstracts submitted to the Congress. At the September Tufts University International Board of Overseers meeting, Rob Russell presented on the topic of carotenoid research at Peking University and the CDC of China. At the September meeting of the Institute of Medicine, Food and Nutrition Board Workshop, Dr. Russell presented on the topic of “Development of DRIs, 1994-2004: Lessons Learned and New Challenges.” At the October conference in Cape Town, South Africa titled “Grand Challenges in Global Health: Scientific Progress Meeting of the Gates Foundation,” Dr. Russell gave a presentation titled “Human Beta-Carotene Conversion to Vitamin A from Plant Foods.” At the 9th Annual Meeting of the Brazilian Society for Food and Nutrition in Sao Paulo, Brazil, he gave a further two talks- one entitled "New Perspectives in Carotenoid Research” and the other, “The Changing Nutrition Paradigms of the 21st Century”

From the Center for Food, Nutrition, and Agriculture Policy at the University of Maryland... On October 2, 2007, Maureen Storey spoke on consumer communications challenges at the American Dietetic Association’s symposium Eating Seafood for Life: Communicating the Health Benefits and Risks. Dr. Storey spoke on the animal cloning study at the High Level Policy Dialogue of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation in Lima, Peru, on October 5, 2007. She was also an invited speaker at the FDA Grand Rounds on safety assessment of functional foods. Sanford A. Miller, a senior fellow at the Center for Food, Nutrition, and Agriculture Policy and an Affiliated Professor in the Nutrition and Food Science Department at the University of Maryland, has been appointed to the Food and Nutrition Board (FNB) of the Institute of Medicine (IOM). Dr. Miller also served as a discussant at the Institute of Medicine, Food and Nutrition Board Workshop titled “Development of DRIs, 1994-2004: Lessons Learned and New Challenges.”

From the USDA – ARS - Beltsville Human Nutrition Research Center in Beltsville, MD... Janet Novotny co-edited a recently published book entitled “Mathematical Modeling in Nutrition and Agriculture.” David Baer gave an invited talk on “Tea Consumption, Insulin Sensitivity and Diabetes” at the Fourth International Scientific Symposium on Tea and Human Health held in Washington DC on September 18, 2007. He was also invited to participate in a joint symposium between scientists from USDA and the Korean Rural Development Agency that took place in Suwon, Korea, October 17-19, 2007. David presented a lecture on the functional foods and human health research program at the Beltsville Human Nutrition Research Center. Beverly Clevidence was invited to present a seminar on tea research at Suntory Limited near Osaka, Japan in October, 2007. While in Japan, she participated in a joint symposium
between USDA scientists and scientists from the National Food Research Institute in Tsukuba, Japan, October 22–26, 2007. She reported on whey protein research that she, David Baer and William Rumpler are conducting. The Center has been active in international presentations. Richard Anderson presented at The International Society of Trace Research in Human Diet, Nutrition and Health in late October on “Safety, Absorption, and Antioxidant Effects of Chromium Histidine”. Heping Cao presented “Prevention of Obesity By Plant Polyphenols Via Tristetraprolin – Mediated Cytokin mR/A Instability” at the Obesity Society Annual Scientific Meeting held in New Orleans, LA in late October. Gloria Solano-Aguilar presented “The Effects of Lactobacillus Casei Strain Shiroto On Immune System” at the 5th Yakult Shiruta Conference in Tokyo, Japan. The Diet, Genomics and Immunology Laboratory was well represented at the 8th International Veterinary Immunology Symposium which took place in Ouro Preto, Brazil. Joseph Urban, Research Leader, presented an invited oral plenary talk entitled “Use of parasitic infection to explore dietary components that regulate appropriate mucosal immune responses.” Harry Dawson, presented two invited plenary talks, “The porcine immunology and nutrition resource database” and “Regulation of porcine hepatic and pulmonary-associated immune responses by vitamin A.” He also presented an abstract entitled “A comparative analysis of the porcine, murine, and human immune systems.” On behalf of Gloria Solano-Aguilar, Harry Dawson presented “Feeding probiotic bacteria to swine enhances immunity to Ascaris suum.” Joanne Holden, Research Leader, Nutrient Data Lab represented USDA in an FAO Expert Consultation to develop an indicator for Nutrition and Biodiversity at the 7th International Food Data Conference in Sao Paulo, Brazil on October 21, 2007. She also participated as an invited lecturer on food sampling and data quality evaluation during the 8th International Postgraduate Course for the Production, Management and Use of Food Composition Data. The course was held from October 1 – 12, 2007 in The Netherlands at Wageningen Agricultural University. Twenty-seven scientists from 24 countries participated in the training. Travel was funded by EuroFIR, a multinational consortium funded by the European Commission. Alanna Moshfegh, Research Leader, Food Surveys Research Group (FSRG) presented two invited presentations on water intake in the United States and the integration of national dietary intake data collected in What We Eat in America, NHANES at the International Society of Exposure Analysis on October 16 – 17 in Durham, NC. FSRG scientists began collaboration on dietary intake research with. Winna Riviera and Linnette Rodriguez from the University of Puerto Rico at a meeting in Beltsville, MD.

From The Center for Genetics, Nutrition and Health in Washington, D.C. ... Artemis P. Simopoulos spoke on “The omega-6/omega-3 fatty acid ratio, genetic variation and cardiovascular disease” sponsored by Amway Nutrilite during symposium S6 on “Nutrient-Gene Interactions” at the 10th Asian Congress of Nutrition on “Diet, Nutrition and Optimal Health: From Food Supply to Nutrigenomics” held in Taipei, Taiwan, September 9 – 13, 2007. On Saturday, September 29, 2007, Dr. Simopoulos and Matthew Pikosky moderated Symposium VII “The Science of Nutrigenomics” at the 48th Annual Meeting of the American College of Nutrition, Orlando, Florida, September 27-30, 2007. Dr. Simopoulos was the first speaker on “Evolutionary Aspects of Diet, the Omega-6/Omega-3 Fatty Acid Ratio and Gene Expression”. The symposium was sponsored by the National Dairy Council, the International Society of Nutrigenetics/Nutrigenomics (www.isnn.info) and The Center for Genetics, Nutrition and Health. On October 19, 2007, she gave a keynote address on “Nutrigenetics/Nutrigenomics and Omega-3 Fatty Acids” at The First Varna Nutrigenomics Meeting, Varna, Bulgaria, October 18 – 20, 2007.

Dr. Simopoulos is President of the International Society of Nutrigenetics/Nutrigenomics (ISNN). She organized the 1st Congress of ISNN that was co-organized with the Hellenic American Union/Hellenic American University in Athens, Greece, November 11 – 13, 2007. The congress was cochaired by Dr. Simopoulos and Dr. Raffaele De Caterina and all the members of the Board of Directors participated as speakers or chairs. Dr. Simopoulos gave welcoming remarks, cochaired the plenary lectures, gave the opening address on “Nutrigenetics/Nutrigenomics – Nutritional Implications”, chaired the ISNN Board of Directors meeting and the Business meeting on November 12th and gave the closing remarks on November 13th. On November 14th, she cochaired with Fabien De Meester the Vth International Workshop on the Columbus Concept on the “Importance Of Omega-6/Omega-3 Fatty Acid Ratio In Disease Prevention” which was a satellite workshop to the ISNN congress sponsored by the Columbus Paradigm Institute.

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