Dear ASN Members: Hope you all enjoyed your summer. For the academics in our midst – do you ever get the question "What did you do all summer?" (with the implied assumption that you were on vacation). I never know how to answer that question – timed experiments that are difficult to do when graduate students are in classes; speaking engagements that can’t be honored during the academic term; grant and manuscript writing that requires quiet sustained effort. Our editors (Cathy Ross and Denny Bier) will tell you that there is a spike in manuscript submissions in September. Let me tell you a few things that have happened at ASN this summer.

Committee Chairs have been appointed. All of our committees have now been populated and are chaired by some of our very most active and committed members. Committee chairs include: Mary Frances Picciano (Finance and Audit); Richard Eisenstein (Graduate and Professional Education); Douglas Seidner (Committee for Professional Nutrition Education); Ronenn Roubenoff (Continuing Medical Education and Publications Management); Denis Medeiros (Membership); Kristie Lancaster (Minority Affairs); Nancy Wellman (Public Information); Patrick Stover (Public Policy); Janet King (Scientific Programs); Barbara Lyle (Sustaining Members) and Johanna Dwyer (Strategic Oversight). Our Council Chairs (elected by their respective councils) are: Patsy Brannon (Nutritional Sciences); Gordon Jensen (Medical Nutrition); and Andrew Prentice (International). Michelle (Shelley) McGuire is Director of the Research Interest Sections (RIS groups). Members of the Executive Board, and of the committees named above are on the ASN website, together with the name of the individual responsible for staffing each committee. One of the most significant parts of our Society is the very active involvement of our members. Please join me in thanking these people (and our Executive Board) for their willingness to serve.

New Staff Members are on board. We have two new staff members: Paula Eichenbrenner and Suzanne Price. Suzanne is our new Communications Manager. She will be working in the area of public affairs, facilitating and growing ASN’s communications with the media, as well as intra-

Watch for our new website-soon-at http://www.nutrition.org
The American Society for Nutrition will hold its annual meeting in conjunction with Experimental Biology 2008, in San Diego, CA, from April 5-9, 2008.

You will soon receive the Call for Abstracts for EB2008 in which you will find a listing of the society’s preliminary program, awards offerings, abstract submission information (deadline for submission of abstracts is November 7, 2007), registration and hotel information. Our headquarters, pictured above, is the San Diego Marriott Hotel and Marina, 333 W. Harbor Drive.

The ASN Board and Program Committees have developed another scientific program of which its members can be truly proud. The program committees received a record number of symposia proposals and have selected 12 for presentation. In addition, the scientific program committee has also developed a new protocol to allow for the latest and most cutting edge of your science to be presented at this meeting. We will have a competition for two or three additional ‘latebreaking’ 2-hour sessions. This competition will close on September 30, 2007. So if you are working on a topic which you think will heighten the scientific excellence of your society’s program, please send it to us. You may now view the ASN 2008 preliminary program on the ASN website at: www.nutrition.org, click on meetings, then on annual meetings and then on EB2008 to review our preliminary program.

Committee meetings, Board meetings, RIS meetings, Council Meetings, the society Business Meeting—all will be appropriately entered into the special function database by the appropriate function leader. An electronic link will be provided, in late October of this year, to all RIS and Council leaders as well as committee chairs.

The FASEB Office of Scientific Meetings will run regular reports to make certain that all functions have a room, date, time and all requested A/V, food and beverage orders. The Secretariat has the entire ASN special function schedule as well as all and any updates you may make to it. Conflicts in meeting times will be addressed and adjusted.

After science, comes social and many activities are planned. Highlighting the events are the Reception for the Membership and the University Mixer on Sunday evening, April 6, 2008, following the annual society Awards Ceremony. We will have the Fellows luncheon on Monday, April 7, 2008; a reception for our award winners and sponsors and additional guests on Saturday evening, April 5 and several surprises!!

Members, this is your time to shine. Be sure to make arrangements early. Do not forget the abstract deadline: November 7, 2007. See you in San Diego in the spring!!!!

**EB Checklist:**

- Register Early
- Make Hotel Reservations Early
- Submit your abstract on time
- Think about Symposia proposals for EB 2009!

**IN MEMORIAM**

Harold Draper, Melbourne FL (Fellow)
society communications such as the monthly e-newsletter. She will work closely with ASN’s Public Information Committee, assisting with priority projects such as the development of a cadre of position papers on important nutrition science topics and the development of a spokesperson program for the Society. Paula Eichenbrenner has been appointed the Director of Marketing and Development for ASN. She comes to the Society with successful director level leadership experience in marketing and development, most recently from the Council for Affordable and Rural Housing (CARH) as the Director of Marketing and Membership Services. Prior to joining CARH, Paula held positions with Independent Sector and the Carlyle Group. Paula will coordinate the marketing activities of the Society working closely with committees and staff to develop strategies to increase revenues for future programs, and increase membership and sustaining members.

Successful transition to new AJCN editorial team and rise in journal impact factors. On June 30th, there was a successful and smooth transition of AJCN editorial responsibilities from Charles Halsted, University of California, Davis, to Denny Bier, Baylor College of Medicine, in Houston. Dr. Bier’s editorial team includes Naomi Fukagawa, University of Vermont; Frank Sacks, Harvard University; Barbara Bowman, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; David Klurfeld, US Department of Agriculture/Agricultural Research Service; Jonathan Gitlin, Washington University School of Medicine; Steven Abrams, Baylor College of Medicine; Eric Rimm, Harvard University and Assistant Editor; D’Ann Finley, University of California, Davis. Karen King and Darren Early, who head up the ASN Publications Department, have worked diligently to make sure the changeover was as seamless as possible for everyone.

In June we learned that for the second year in a row the impact factors of ASN journals rose: AJCN’s impact factor increased from 5.85 to 6.56 and JN’s increased 3.68 to 4.01. ASN journals are currently ranked Number 1 and Number 3 among the peer reviewed research journals in the ISI Nutrition and Dietetics category. These impressive impact factors and rankings underscore the high quality and importance of the society journals, the relevance of the research reported, and the excellent contributions of journal editors, reviewers and journal staff.

Strategic Planning is underway. ASN is drafting an action-oriented strategic plan “The Roadmap for ASN” with Tim Fallon and Laura Schulte from TSI Consulting Partners as facilitators. The Executive Board (with Jim Hill as the board liaison for strategic oversight) and the newly formed
Strategic Oversight Committee (with Johanna Dwyer as Chair) will meet at ASN headquarters in late October to agree on the major goals and specific action outcome measures for our strategic plan. John Courtney and staff are busy preparing summaries of previous ASN goals and mission statements so that the face to face meeting in October will have a high likelihood of producing a nearly final document.

Progress has been made towards goals for this year. As I described in the last issue of Nutrition Notes and also at my President-elect talk at the business meeting at EB in Washington, I have four specific goals that I'd like to accomplish this year: 1) highlight major nutrition research accomplishments that have made a difference to human health; 2) develop a system whereby ASN members can speak on behalf of ASN spokespersons; 3) contribute to clarifying conflict of interest policies particularly for academic/corporate relationships; and 4) introduce some "late breaking" sessions at EB to make the overall scientific program as current as possible given the constraints of program development and publication. I'm pleased to report that progress has been made in each of these areas. To highlight a few:

- Major nutrition research accomplishments. For the past year our three focus areas for Public Policy have been the Farm Bill; Nutrition Monitoring; and Support for Nutrition Research. Under the leadership of Barbara Moore, Chair of the Public Policy Committee, and Mary Lee Watts, ASN’s Director of Public Policy and Information, we have made great progress in the first two areas. For the first time, thanks in large part to our efforts, Nutrition Monitoring has become part of the Farm Bill. ASN has been most active in getting nutrition and nutrition research into the Farm Bill. Our new Chair of the Public Policy Committee, Patrick Stover, will now ramp up the agenda on funding for nutrition research. As part of that agenda, we will develop a list of important nutrition research findings that had resulted in significant benefits to human health. A subcommittee is being organized to pull this together and FASEB will help to highlight the findings in such a way that the significance of the research comes through. Our Executive Officer, John Courtney, PPC Chair Patrick Stover, ASN’s Mary Lee Watts and Jon Retzlaff of FASEB’s Office of Public Affairs will be meeting with Dr. Griffin Rodgers, Director of NIDDK. One of the agenda items is documentation of how NIH support of nutrition research has benefited human health.

- ASN spokespersons. We are now in the initial stages of setting up an ASN spokesperson program. Nancy Wellman, Chair of the Public Information Committee is working with Shelley McGuire, RIS Director, with very active participation from ASN’s Mary Lee Watts and Suzanne Price. We have already had some success with Nancy Wellman being cited as an ASN spokesperson on Vitamin D intake and older adults and a statement from me as ASN President in response to the Children’s Food and Beverage Advertising Initiative.

- Conflict of interest. John Courtney and I attended a half day meeting sponsored by FASEB and held at the National Academy on July 17 titled “Call to action/Managing financial relationships between academia and industry in biomedical research.” FASEB has been working on this issue for the past three years and has an excellent website with a conflict of interest toolkit. For those of you who are interested in learning more you can access this at http://opa.faseb.org/pages/advocacy/coi/toolkit.htm. John and I were somewhat humbled by listening to all of the work FASEB has put into this over three years and they are still actively working on it. Officers of other constituent FASEB societies were also in attendance and several discussed their societal conflict of interest positions. In addition, we are partnering with ILSI and several of us are on one or both of two committees: one to focus on research concerning conflict of interest; the other to focus on a “manifesto” which would state the rules of engagement for academic/corporate research relationships. If this is of particular interest to any of you please let me know and we will find a way for your voice to be heard.

- EB sessions. Janet King, Chair of the Scientific Program Committee, ably supported by Anne Meyers who staffs this committee, is already planning for 2009 EB (when we return to New Orleans). But, for 2008 we will have two or three latebreaking [to allow our program to be as cutting-edge and 'topically hot' as we can make it] sessions for which proposals must be submitted by September 30, 2007. To date we have received four proposals. These proposals will compete for the latebreaking spots and will be reviewed by the Scientific Program Committee. In addition, I’m excited to announce that our President’s Symposium, set for Sunday morning, April 6, 8-10 will feature Jeffrey Friedman, MD. Dr. Friedman was just awarded the Danone International Prize for Nutrition for his research on the role of genetics and leptin, a hormone he discovered, in body weight regulation. There will be three other speakers on topics related to body weight regulation (to be decided on by an ASN ad hoc committee). Danone will also be sponsoring a reception at EB.

Suggestions? Comments? We’d like to hear from you. Look to our monthly E-newsletters for updates.

Joanne Lupton
NEW AWARD AT ASN

The American Society for Nutrition (ASN) is pleased to announce the establishment of the McCormick Science Institute Research Award, made possible with an endowment from the McCormick Science Institute (MSI). This award will be given for the first time in 2008 and will be presented annually to an investigator conducting clinical or translational research, whose scientific contributions have advanced understanding of the potential health benefits of culinary herbs and spices in humans.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS


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

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

ATTENTION ALL GRADUATE STUDENTS

The rules for the Procter & Gamble Graduate Student Research award competition and the Clinical Emerging Leaders Competition have changed. Carefully read the new instructions on our website at: http://www.nutrition.org/awards/student.htm Good news…you do not have to mail your abstracts to us anymore. Everything can be accomplished when you enter your abstract electronically on the MIRA submission site.

From Colleagues in the Caribbean

Fueling the car, the bus, the lawn mower or the mitochondrion: Staple crops as biofuels or foods? The challenge to eat well, and in concordance with healthy guidelines and culinary traditions is being challenged from a unique corner -- the demand for carbon to power motor vehicles. The geopolitical and infrastructural problems in the petroleum sector, in the face of rising living standards in the colossus countries of India and China, are constraining the availability of crude oil and its refined derivatives. Inspired by the example of Brazil, which has led the way with sugar-derived ethanol additives to their automobile fuels, the era of biofuels is rapidly catching up with the transportation sector of rest of the hemisphere [1].

We need to get quickly to the paradoxical issue. Sugar is a food, albeit not a healthful nor nutrient rich one. Ethanol is a component of alcoholic beverages. So, we enter an era in which there is direct competition of dietary demands with transportation needs for the same, edible item. The problem is magnified, however, with the choice in North America to opt for corn (Zea mays) as the source of carbohydrate carbon. Maize consumption runs deeply into the tradition of the Aztec and Mayan cultures of MesoAmerica. It is the staple grain. The creation myths of the Aztec and Mayan cultures cite corn-dough as the substance of life from which the gods created mankind. Miguel Angel Asturias, winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature, characterized the region’s indigenous peasants as Hombres de Maíz (Men of Corn). Any price pressure on this grain would lead to market-basket inflation and dietary scarcity over the short run. Hence, energy security for motor fuels augers food insecurity for maize-dependent populations in the center of our hemisphere.

The future panorama of the biofuels vs. human-fuels issue looks much more promising and innocuous than the current status. The promise is that cost-effective procedures for releasing glucose from cellulose for fermentation to alcohol will emerge [2,3]. In this case, the inedible components of cornstalk and the cane bamboo will satisfy the energy needs motorized vehicles, leaving the maize and sucrose to enter the human food chain.

This is not necessarily an all’s well that ends well scenario, however. Any market-basket inflation and food insecurity would risk disease and hunger for a population with poverty rates pushing 60%. However, any lapse in the exercise of the corn culture in Guatemala may weaken its hold, and produce an evolution to staple grains with less nutrition value and healthful impact, such as white rice or refined wheat flour. Ethiopia provides an

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example of what a ‘temporary’ lapse in access to the original staple of a population can bring. During the civil war in the Horn of Africa, relief services introduced wheat to resolve the problem of disrupted production of the traditional teff, a superbly nutritious grain. Demand for imported wheat now supersedes that for teff, as Ethiopian dietary habits have moved on.

The cultural richness of MesoAmerica resides in all of its aspects, including its cuisine. To conserve the culinary traditions of the Hombres (and Mujeres) de Maíz in Mexico and Central America, we need to maintain continuity in access to and affordability of maize. The people of our region cannot afford to compete with internal combustion engines for the same food crop, not even during a transition period toward a more benign cellulose-age of biofuels. We call on the nutrition community to go beyond the defense of food as a human right, to that of food within food culture as the human right. This means supporting efforts to move beyond “market forces” to assure that vehicles’ voracious appetite for corn does not impoverish both the people and the food culture of MesoAmerica and other maize-dependent regions around the world.

Contributed by Noel Solomons and Juan Rivera

investigation, behavioral sciences, and applied practice. Clearly, although scientists in the field of nutrition must maintain a keen focus on their particular fields of research expertise, expanding our research communities across the broad spectrum of what we collectively call the "nutritional sciences" is allowing us to establish strong working connections between the basic and applied research areas. This expansion and broader inclusiveness is indeed a hallmark of the newly reconfigured American Society for Nutrition – made up of a collection of basic, applied, clinical, and international researchers committed to high standards in nutrition research.

The Research Interest Sections (RIS) represent ASN’s strong commitment to fostering community within its members with similar research interests across its various constituencies. However, the RIS groups can only reach their potential if they have representation by ASN members who have different perspectives on the research topic. For example, although the Vitamins and Minerals RIS has historically been a home for mainly basic scientists, it is a wonderful community for international nutrition researchers studying micronutrient deficiencies in developing countries. Likewise, clinical practitioners with an interest in micronutrient deficiencies would also be warmly welcomed in this group.

Additionally, it is vital that we encourage our youngest members to become involved in the community and conversation that the RIS groups offer. Although ASN student members are automatically members of the Student Interest Group, they should also become active in at least 1 RIS group. It is imperative that we make these personal linkages between the scientific generations for nutrition research to grow and evolve as it must.

As such, I pose 2 challenges to the ASN membership for the upcoming year. They are as follows.

• Regardless of which Scientific Council you have designated as your primary governance group, join 1 or more RIS groups that address your research interest. Especially if you have had no previous experience with RIS, I think that you will find these groups welcoming, vibrant, and stimulating.

• Encourage your students, post-doctoral fellows and other trainees to participate in RIS activities. Not only will this provide a more intimate home for these emerging investigators, but membership in RIS also makes students eligible for the dozens of student awards given out annually at EB.

To join a RIS, simply visit the ASN website (www.nutrition.org) or contact me personally.

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Aging and Chronic Disease. Nutrition plays an important role in the well-being of older adults. The purpose of the Aging and Chronic Disease RIS is to promote nutrition research in aging and chronic disease related areas using both qualitative and quantitative research methods. We encourage networking, research collaborations, and the participation of both undergraduate and graduate students.

We are planning for EB 2008 in San Diego, CA, April 5-9 and encourage all ASN members to submit abstracts. We will host the following minisymposia topics:

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

We are looking for chairs and co-chairs for EB 2008. Please email me: Lengyel@cc.umanitoba.ca if you would like to be involved in our minisymposia or have inquiries about membership. If you have any news and/or recent research publications please send them to Joe Sharkey, Chair-elect: jrsharkey@srh.tamhsc.edu for inclusion in the ASN eCommunities or for our monthly email to members. I look forward to meeting all of you at EB next year.

Upcoming Meetings or Symposia:


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History of Nutrition. In addition to the annual history symposium at EB 2008, the History RIS will sponsor a mini-symposium organized by Irwin Rosenberg. He has titled this mini-symposium “Hunger in America Revisited.” The year 2008 will mark the 40th anniversary of “Hunger, U.S.A.,” a report from the Citizens’ Board of Inquiry into Hunger and Malnutrition in the United States that created a storm of reaction across the nation. The twenty-five member committee included James P. Carter, a pediatrician at Vanderbilt University, Alfred Haynes of the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health and Stanley Gershoff of Harvard University. The report was prompted by the observations of a Senate sub-committee, which had visited Mississippi, that they found shocking conditions there. One senator was quoted as saying: “I didn’t know that we were going to be dealing with the situation of starving people and starving youngsters.” This was followed quickly by the report of a group of physicians, who also had found scandalous conditions in their visit to Mississippi. “Hunger, U.S.A.” reported, however, that the problems of malnutrition were not confined to Mississippi but were widespread. Vociferous debates ensued over the extent of any malnutrition, its causes, who might be to blame, and what, if anything, needed to be done about it. Ensuing television programs and a White House Conference, among other responses, actively involved nutrition scientists.

The year 2008 will also mark the 65th anniversary of the 1943 report of a committee of the Food and Nutrition Board (NRC/NAS) titled: “Inadequate Diets and Nutritional Deficiencies in the United States, Their Prevalence and Significance.” The committee concluded: “All the data from numerous surveys with new methods among persons of all ages in many regions are entirely in accord in showing that deficiency states are rife throughout the nation. Relatively few are the traditional severe, acute types. Most are milder in intensity and gradual in their course .... From this evidence it is clear that there is both a preventive and corrective problem.” Today we often use the term “food security” in public health discussions of the adequacy of peoples’ diets. It is to be hoped that this less emotive term does not mask the fact that, while perhaps fewer, problems of nutritional deficiencies and, sometimes, outright hunger still exist in this rich country.

Contributed by Pat Swan for the History RIS

Nutrition Education. Greetings Nutrition Education RIS members! It is with great pleasure that I assume my duties as Chair. It is important for the RIS membership to work together for us to be successful. So, I was quite pleased when some of you responded to my call to work with me on a number of issues important to this RIS. In July, a newly formed Nutrition Education RIS Advisory Group had its first meeting. The creation of this Group is in response to RIS leadership guidance and will help in RIS decision making and scientific activities as well as advise on RIS governance and operational issues. We had a very productive first meeting and will immediately direct efforts to RIS governance, symposium planning and increasing student involvement. With student members active in the Advisory Group a goal is to increase student recruitment and help them better understand how they can contribute to the RIS and what roles they might serve. Contact Jodi Stotts, Advisory Group Student Officer at jls862@psu.edu with questions or concerns related to student activities and she will share with the Group.

I encourage you to think about ideas for symposia, workshops, and controversy sessions and share with me or any member of the Advisory group listed below. We plan to submit a proposal for an ASN symposium with a theme focused on translational research and welcome suggestions for a topic area and speakers.

For those of you who are members of the Society for Nutrition Education (SNE) efforts are underway to strengthen the relationship between the RIS and the Society to benefit nutrition education. For those of you not involved in SNE, visit www.sne.org for information on its mission and vision. 2007-2009 Advisory Group Members: Shirley Gerrior, USDA-CSREES; Cathy Kapica, Ketchum; Marilyn Swanson, USDA-CSREES; Jodi Stotts, Pennsylvania State University; Diane Carson, Texas A&M University; Jodi Cahill, University of Texas at Austin

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

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Vitamin and Minerals. Greetings Vitamins & Minerals RIS members! I would like to welcome other executive officers: Richard Bruno, Chair-elect from University of Connecticut (Richard.bruno@uconn.edu),
As I write this, we are entering World Breastfeeding Week, which is a good time for HML-RIS members to reflect again on the global relevance of our research and teaching and express our appreciation to colleagues in the other world regions for their rich contributions to our professional lives. A great way to do this is to encourage and support them to become members of ASN, our RIS, or to consider becoming more active in our future programming at EB and other venues. Please do spread the word about Human Milk and Lactation RIS as you correspond with, host or travel to work with colleagues and trainees abroad during the northern summer. We continue to seek 2009 Symposia Proposals, due January 15, 2008. Anyone interested in developing a Symposium proposal should contact Dan Sellen (dan.sellen@utoronto.ca) for further details and guidelines. RIS members should also begin planning to submit in November abstracts for Poster sessions and a Mini-Symposium on Human Milk & Lactation at EB2008 (April 5-9, 2008, in San Diego).

Please also spread the word that students and young investigators still in training and who are members of ISRHML are eligible to apply for several travel awards to the EB2008 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.

Our RIS members and others can now register and submit abstracts for the ISRHML meeting in Perth, Australia, Jan 31-Feb 5, 2008. Just visit the ISRHML website: http://www.isrhml.org/umu.se/ and click on the link for the 14th ISRHML International Conference. This link includes information on the program, location and key deadlines. You’ll receive an early registration discount if you register before October 12, 2007. Abstracts are due October 12, 2007 but can be submitted any time before that. You will receive notification of acceptance within 2 weeks.

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Nutrient-Gene Interaction (NGI). Members of NGIRIS: Thank you for electing me Chair of the Nutrient-Gene Interactions RIS (NGIRIS) for the 2007-2008 business year. Our Past Chair, Mitch Knutson, has officially passed the baton to me on June 1, 2007. I would like to thank Mitch for the great work that he has done this past year. Under his leadership, membership in our RIS has grown to about 230

Secretary Treasurer: James Swain from Case Western Reserve University (james.swain@case.edu) and student representative: Leah Cahill from University of Toronto (leah.cahill@utoronto.ca). A big thank you goes to Maret Traber, outgoing VMRIS chair, and all of her work for the past year.

The purpose of the Vitamin and Mineral RIS is to support vitamin and mineral-related programs within ASN, enhance opportunities for collaboration and sharing of research ideas among members, promote vitamin and mineral research and education among professionals and students and encourage greater participation by students in ASN activities. I invite you to be an active RIS member and you can participate in several ways.

Each year, we hold a poster competition for graduate students and postdocs. We had an outstanding group of presenters at EB07, making it tough for judges. We are looking for volunteers to judge the EB08 poster competition. Four judges are needed, representing two for minerals, and two for vitamins. We do appreciate your willingness to serve as a judge and please email Richard Bruno richard.bruno@uconn.edu if you are interested. Judges’ involvement includes reviewing abstracts, judging, and selecting the top posters for awards before the business meeting. Students and post-docs are again encouraged to submit abstracts for competition EB08 in San Diego. The poster competition has been very successful the past years, and through the generosity of various donors, we have provided monetary awards to the winning posters. Do you have any exciting topics you would like to propose as symposia? Please consider submitting proposals for EB08 symposia on topics of interest to our membership. Although the January deadline seems far away, it’s not too soon to start thinking about ideas. We can help facilitate proposal development and help pursue funding. Please contact Emily Ho regarding your ideas. Your involvement in the VMRIS is greatly appreciated. Please encourage your colleagues and students to join and feel free to send me any information you would like to send to the VMIRS community,

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IRSRML/Human Milk and Lactation. As I write
members, making us one of the largest RISs in ASN. Mitch organized a lively business meeting at EB07, and we had a very competitive poster award competition. Also at our business meeting we elected Manabu Nakamura the Chair-Elect for 2007-2008. I will be sending you updates regarding our RIS on a regular basis by using "ASN Nutrition Notes" and the NGIRIS list server. I prefer the latter, as the Notes may be outdated by the time they go into print. You may have opted out of receiving email notifications when becoming a member of NGIRIS. If so, please re-consider this decision and change your personal settings in the ASN database to allow email notifications. I have identified the following priorities that I would like to work on during my term as your Chair:

(1) Develop "Operating Procedures" for NGIRIS. This is now mandated by ASN and we have to have our procedures approved by NGIRIS members and, subsequently, by ASN no later than January 2008. NGIRIS members have approved our Operating Procedures in July, and this document is now with ASN for final approval.

(2) Showcase our unique talents during various events at EB2008. We have submitted seven topics for minisymposia to be held at EB08 to ASN, and we are trying to put together a proposal for an “Epigenetics” symposium to be held at EB2009 (submission deadline January 2008). Please let me know if you liked to get involved.

(3) Establish an Advisory Board for NGIRIS. Our new Operating Procedures stipulate that “NGIRIS is to be governed by a Steering Committee made of a Chair, Chair-Elect, and Past-Chair. The Steering Committee will appoint an Advisory Group of no more than four members. [...] It is recommended that this Advisory Group include one Student member.” I am happy to report that the following individuals have accepted the Steering Committee’s invitation to serve on NGIRIS’ Advisory Board for 2007-8: Ahmed El-Sohemy, Sarah Fletcher (student rep), Naima Moustaid-Moussa, and Neil Shay.

(4) Increase financial support by corporate donors to put our RIS on solid financial footing. Steering Committee and Advisory Board are currently working towards achieving this goal. The Steering Committee wishes that senior members of the Advisory Board will take a lead role in fundraising.

(5) Increase the number of NGIRIS members. Our primary targets for recruiting new members will be graduate students and postdocs, to prepare them for leadership roles in the field of nutrient-gene interactions. Steering Committee and Advisory Board are currently developing strategies for recruiting new members. Please let us hear of creative and novel approaches that you have used in the past to recruit new members for NGIRIS! You will hear more about these priority areas as the year progresses. I look forward to serving as your Chair this coming year. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions, concerns, or suggestions regarding our RIS.

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Nutritional Immunology. This report should hopefully find many of you still excited and all a buzz over the excellent seminars and posters presented at the FASEB Summer Research Conference on “Nutritional Immunology: Its Role in Health and Disease”. The conference was held in Tucson, Arizona from July 28 through August 2. A BIG thank you to Co-chairs Pamela J. Fraker (Michigan State University) and Simin Nikbin Meydani (Jean Mayer USDA Human Nutrition Research Center on Aging at Tufts University) for once again organizing the conference. Although I am sure the conference was a huge success, I am regrettably unable to summarize the highlights for you this year, as I am currently on maternity leave and was unable to attend this year’s conference. This report is also my first Nutrition Notes commentary submission serving as your Nutritional Immunology RIS Chair (effective June 1, 2007). I extend my gratitude to our out-going RIS chair, Chris Jolly (University of Texas), for bringing me up to speed on RIS chair duties during this past year as chair-elect. I would also like to invite you to contact me directly concerning any Nutritional Immunology RIS business and/or announcements. I am here to serve this community of researchers within ASN, and I can do that best with your help. I look forward to serving you during the next two years.

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Nutritional Epidemiology. Greetings Nutritional Epidemiology RIS members and potential members! As the new RIS Chair, I wish to extend pleasant greetings and an invitation to you to take an active role in
helping our RIS continue to thrive. Some of the opportunities for active contribution to the RIS include participating on an Advisory Committee to help establish our new RIS Operating Procedures; sharing ideas for symposia and minisymposia topics for EB 2009; and helping to expand the use of the Nutritional Epidemiology RIS eCommunity (via the ASN website) for easy, creative, and effective communication among RIS members. There is great potential to make the Nutritional Epi RIS eCommunity an inviting place to exchange hot ideas via forums, post job opportunities, and deliver other relevant or newsworthy items to the RIS membership. Please email me at karen.wosje@cchmc.org if you would like to know more about these opportunities to become active in the RIS.

Please remember to encourage graduate students to submit their EB2008 abstracts to the Nutritional Epi RIS graduate student poster competition. The dynamic interactions and social environment surrounding this special poster session make it a highlight event for both the graduate student participants and other RIS members. Importantly, your creative ideas for fund-raising or sponsorship could help support additional events, such as student travel awards or summer workshops on hot topics, to keep our RIS flourishing.

I look forward to serving as the Chair and am open to all suggestions. Your creative ideas and active involvement are welcome and vital for helping our Nutritional Epidemiology RIS to flourish!

Contributed by Karen S. Wosje
Chair, Nutritional Epidemiology RIS

Diet and Cancer RIS. Norman Hord, Chair ’06-07 has done a terrific job leading the success of this RIS and I want to express my appreciation to him for his time and dedication. The new Officers for ’07-08 are: Chair, Elvira de Mejia (University of Illinois); Chair-Elect, Eva Maria Schmelz (Virginia Tech University); Past Chair, Norman Hord (Michigan State University); Secretary/Treasurer, Sonhee Park (The Coca-Cola Company); Student Representative, Kirstie Canene-Adams (University of Illinois); Student Representative-Elect Jill Hamilton-Reeves (U of MN).

The RIS business meeting that took place at the Renaissance Hotel on Sunday, April 29th in Washington, D.C. was very well attended. The highlight of the meeting was the Coca-Cola Research Award Poster Competition. Michele B. Kellerhals from the Coca-Cola Company presented $1,500.00 in awards. I want to also express my appreciation to our secretary/ treasurer Sonhee Park (The Coca-Cola Company) for her leadership in this successful activity. Below is a complete list of 2007 awardees.

- First Place - Hamilton-Reeves, JM et al. Soy protein isolate increases urinary estrogens and the ratio of 2:16alpha-hydroxyestrone in men at high risk of prostate cancer (U of MN - Food Sci/Nutr; Biostatistics; Urologic Surgery)
- Second Place - Paxton, A et al. Plasma Carotenoids analysis in Colon Cancer survivors and the general population (U of NC, Chapel Hill - Nutrition)
- Third Place - Bunpo P et al. Dietary glutamine modifies the effect of L-asparaginase on lymphocyte populations in mice (Indiana U - School of Med)
- Honorary Award - Quyang P et al. Phospholipid profiling and related protein expression in skin tissues of body weight controlled mice. (Kansas S U - Human Nutrition; Biochemistry)
- Honorary Award - Clubbes E et al. Glycitein induces cellular differentiation in nontumorigenic prostate epithelial cells. (Ohio S U - Human Nutrition)

Based on 2007’s great success, with tripled attendees than last year, The Coca Cola Company has pledged support for 2008 Coke Research Award Competition to continue the tradition.

Three RIS participants Diet and Cancer, DBC, and Nutritional Immunology have joint efforts to present a Symposium: "A stimulating conversation: dietary factors, epithelial cells and the immune system in carcinogenesis”, Chairs: Norman Hord, Sue Percival on Tuesday, April 8, 2008, 8:00-10:00AM.

RIS members are encouraged to submit abstracts to EB 2008. The minisymposia topics are: Diet, exercise and cancer risk; Food components that prevent cancer; Obesity and cancer risk; Nutrition and cancer survivorship

There are currently 166 members in our Diet and Cancer RIS and we encourage more members to sign up to be part of this active group. You can become a member of more than one RIS, and all of this is provided free-of-charge to ASN members. If you are currently not a member of Diet and Cancer RIS but would like to be, please contact Elvira de Mejia edemejia@uiuc.edu or join our RIS by logging on to www.nutrition.org and subscribe.

We encourage members to use ASN Nutrition Notes and eCommunities as effective ways of communication. Remember that job listings and RIS updates are posted on the RIS eCommunities. Please feel free to contact me with ideas and
suggestions; I am here to facilitate our RIS activities.

We need volunteers to moderate oral sessions at EB 2008. Please contact Elvira de Mejia at edemejia@uiuc.edu to indicate your interest in participating. Are you working on a symposium idea for EB2009? If so, please inform me at your earliest convenience. The symposia most likely to be accepted by the EB organizing committee need tentatively confirmed speakers and sponsors. This endeavor takes time but to have an excellent symposium is worth the effort.

**Contributed by Elvira de Mejia**  
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

### Dietary Bioactive Components

The Dietary Bioactive RIS is dedicated to research on the health benefits of nutrient and non-nutrient bioactive components whether in dietary supplement or food form. Please consider joining our RIS by logging on to www.nutrition.org and selecting ASN eCommunities.

It’s never too soon to think about EB2008, “Today’s Research: Tomorrow’s Health,” especially when the meeting is to be held in beautiful San Diego, CA. Our seven submitted mini-symposia topics for EB2008 include:

1. Dietary Bioactive Compounds I: Mechanisms of action and molecular targets  
2. Dietary Bioactive Compounds II: Modification of physiological, absorptive and transport processes  
3. Dietary Bioactive Compounds III: Chronic Disease Risk Reduction  
4. Dietary Bioactive Compounds IV: Antioxidants and Free Radicals  
5. Dietary Bioactive compounds V: Medicinal Foods  
6. Food Matrix and the Bioactive Compounds (joint with Nutrition Translation)  
7. Fermented Foods

A Symposium entitled "A stimulating conversation: Dietary factors, epithelial cells and the immune system in carcinogenesis" is also scheduled for EB2008. This Symposium is sponsored by three RIS groups (Diet and Cancer, DBC, and Nutritional Immunology) and should prove quite “stimulating.” Also, please consider submitting a Symposium Proposal topic by January 15th, 2008 for Experimental Biology 2009. Team up with other RIS groups for the development of timely and unique topics.

### Energy and Macronutrient Metabolism (EMM)

The Energy and Macronutrient Metabolism Research Interest Section (EMM RIS) is a vibrant group of scientists and clinicians within ASN who are interested in the metabolism, utilization and functions of carbohydrates, lipids/fatty acids, and proteins/amino acids. We encourage all those attracted to these areas of research to simply log on to ASN-Online and activate their free electronic subscription to the EMM-RIS. If you would like to receive funding opportunities and other news items from our RIS by e-mail, be sure you have selected this option within the e-communities settings. Contact Anne Meyers ameyers@asns.org if you are having problems with logging on or receiving e-community notices.

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

- **2007-2008 Chair**: Wayne Campbell, Purdue University, campbellw@purdue.edu  
- **2007-2008 Chair-Elect**: Malcolm Watford, Rutgers University, Watford@aesop.rutgers.edu  
- **2007-2008 Past-Chair**: Jill Bush, University of Houston, jBush@uh.edu

Remember—the abstract deadline for EB2008 is November 7, 2007. Students should also consider entering our annual poster competition. This competition is a valuable and rewarding experience and is always the highlight of our RIS. Please let me know if you would like to serve as a judge for this competition at EB2008. Special thanks to the service of our past judges and the continued support from our sponsors including General Mills, the McCormick Science Institute, Mead Johnson, the Office of Dietary Supplements at NIH, Natural Alternatives International and Nestle.

Feel free to contact me with any news or notes you would like to share. I’d like to thank Susan Percival (University of Florida) for her leadership and assistance this past year. Anna Keck (Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana, IL) continues her excellent work as RIS secretary/treasurer, and Suzanne Hendrich (Iowa State University) is the current Chair-elect. I look forward to hearing from you and working with present and future RIS members this next year.

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Chair Dietary Bioactive Components, RIS and Susan Percival, percival@ufl.edu  
Past-chair
Wayne Campbell and Jill Bush have commenced Chair and Past-Chair duties, respectively, as of July 1 2007. We would like to thank Tracy Anthony (Chair, Chair-Elect, Past-Chair years 2004-2007) for all of her dedicated work to the EMM-RIS.

**2007-2009 Steering Committee Members:**
If you are interested in getting involved with the EMM-RIS by serving on the 2007-2009 steering committee, please contact Wayne Campbell via email. We are looking for student members to serve on the steering committee, so please ask your graduate students if they are interested in volunteering. Duties are effective immediately. Current steering committee members are: Melinda Manore, Oregon State University; Priscilla Samuel, Bristol Meyer Squibb; Jamie Baum, Unilver; Nancy Rodriguez, University of Connecticut; Satya Jonnalagadda, General Mills.

**EB2008 Symposia and Minisymposia:** The EMM-RIS is proud to announce that one of our symposia proposals was accepted by ASN for inclusion in **EB2008**. “Carbohydrate restriction as treatment for diabetes and metabolic syndrome:” Chairs: Jeff Volek and Richard D Feiman. The EMM-RIS will be organizing the following ASN Minisymposia Topics for **EB 2008**. We encourage all ASN members in these areas of investigation to submit abstracts to these minisymposia sections and advertise these sessions to your colleagues. The titles and chairs are:

- Soy and potential health benefits-Chair William Wong
- Energy balance, macronutrient composition, and weight loss-Chairs Jill Bush and Kevin Laugero
- Obesity, the metabolic syndrome, and comorbidities during growth and maturation-Chair Nick Hays
- Protein and amino acid metabolism-Chairs Nancy Rodriguez and Matt Pikoksy
- Intestinal metabolism and adaptation-Chairs Kelly Tappenden and Kate Shoeller
- Lipid and fatty acid metabolism and transport-Chair Kimberly Buhman
- Dietary factors affecting lipid metabolism-Chair Sean Adams
- Carbohydrate metabolism-Chairs Mark Haub and Wayne Campbell
- Food Intake Regulation-Chair Britt Burton-Freeman
- Exercise and metabolism-Chair Melinda Sheffield-Moore, Univ of Texas Medical Branch; Co-Chair Blake Rasmussen
- Polysaturated fatty acid and health-Chair Jay Whelan, Univ of Tennessee; Co-Chair Ken Allen, Colorado State Univ

Finally, the EMM RIS will again sponsor an abstract competition for graduate students and postdoctoral fellows attending **EB2008**. Details and guidelines for submission to the competition will be posted at the ASN-Online link to the EMM-RIS Group typically in January 2007. Please encourage your students/trainees to submit their research to our award competition!

**Correction to EB2007 Abstract Competition Winner:** The correct title of Karen Eny’s winning abstract is “GLUT2 polymorphism modifies the intake of dietary carbohydrates in individuals with Type 2 diabetes” (Mentor Dr. Ahmed El-Sohemy, Univ of Toronto).

**Plan to attend EB 2008 in San Diego, CA April 5-9, 2008!**

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**Student Interest Group (SIG).** We would like to bid a fond goodbye to Robin Minor (University of Florida), Mitch Seymour (University of Michigan), Cria Gregory (Emory University) and Dr. Kevin Schalinske (Iowa State University). A heartfelt thanks to all of you for an incredible contribution towards the ASN SIG. We heartily welcome Emily Tomayko (University of Illinois), Jennifer Otten (University of Vermont) and Liang (Charles) Guo (University of Florida) and look forward to having a fun and exciting time working with you.

Just a reminder for students, that it’s that time of the year when you need to clear any past ASN dues/ renew your ASN membership. Also, the SIG is looking forward to **EB08**. The T-shirt design contest was a big hit during **EB07** and we will continue with the tradition next year. The SIG is also excited to offer a couple of travel awards for **EB08**, after this year’s successful T-shirt sale. More information on the Travel award contest in the next edition of **NN**.

Contributed by Rajni Singh
Purdue University

**Experimental Animal Nutrition.** It has been a busy summer for the RIS, with two members of our leadership team (Chad Stahl, Chair and Sungwoo Kim, Treasurer) relocating to North Carolina State University. As of July 1, Kelly Swanson (University of Illinois) and Xingen Lei (Cornell University) also began their new roles as the Chair-Elect and as...
the Past-Chair of our RIS, respectively. Although the academic year has not yet begun, it is time to start planning for EB2008. Our RIS will have four mini-symposia: Companion animal nutrition, chaired by Kelly Swanson; Polyunsaturated fatty acid nutrition and metabolism, chaired by Ben Corl (Virginia Tech) and Matt Waldron (University of Vermont); Bone health in animal model, chaired by Jay Cao (USDA-ARS, Grand Forks, ND); Animal growth, chaired by Rob Rhoads (University of Arizona) and Chad Stahl (North Carolina State University). Additionally, we will hold our second annual graduate student and post-doctoral researcher poster competition in conjunction with our business meeting and reception. We invite you to submit outstanding abstracts for both our mini-symposia and our poster competition.

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Nutrition Translation from Bench to Consumer. We are transitioning from the visionary stages of a new RIS into the working logistical stage. It is critical that we prioritize and then move ahead on ideas discussed and the energy shared at EB. To that end, we are on the verge of new leadership for this new RIS and have been working through the logistics of conducting an electronic election. As soon as new officers are elected and a steering committee established, we will transition from "organizing" into actively moving ahead with the great topics and ideas shared at EB this past spring. In the meantime, we proposed mini-symposium topics for EB07 and have identified key RIS groups that have an interest to work collaboratively (both EB07 minisymposia and for '08). Please look over the mini-symposium topics when they come out in the EB program announcement and encourage submissions to these new session topics. Thanks for your patience as we get "organized" and know that we are interested in your participation and ideas...but need to get logistics in order before moving ahead.

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Council News

Medical Nutrition Council Update: Current Officers: Gordon Jensen, Chair; David Heber, Past Chair; Kelly Tappenden, Secretary/Treasurer; George Blackburn, Council; Caroline Apovian, Council; Doug Seidner, Council.

The Medical Nutrition Council ballot results are in. From an outstanding pool of candidates the following individuals were elected: New Chair-elect, Tom Ziegler (Serves 3-years as chair-elect, chair and past chair in succession); New Council members: Johanna Dwyer, Douglas Heimburger, and Sachiko St. Jeor (Staggered 2-year terms so that half the council turns over each year)

Welcome to our fledgling Medical Nutrition Council that is effectively the merged entity that remains of ASCN in the new stronger ASN. We seek to maintain a presence for clinical nutrition in ASN with prominent research, education, and service / outreach components. We also seek to collaborate closely with the other Councils and RIS groups to further common ASN objectives. Of particular note is that, despite the use of the word “Medical” in our Council’s name, our far-reaching agenda is in reality the breadth of clinical nutrition, not just nutrition as it relates to patient care. We welcome all ASN members with an interest in clinical nutrition to participate in Medical Nutrition Council activities. In appreciation of this vision we have designated the following priorities for the coming year.

1. Membership drive – we seek new multidisciplinary members – including researchers, educators, dietitians, physicians, and students.

2. EB ’08 – our plans include exciting first day sessions (Saturday, April 5, 2008) on intestinal rehabilitation and redefining malnutrition syndromes that will be of interest to a broad clinical nutrition audience.

3. Intersociety Research Workshop – we are collaborating with multiple other nutrition societies in an NIH-sponsored research workshop on Nutrition and Inflammation to be held in Chicago February 8-9, 2008. Contact information for registration should soon be available on the ASN, ADA, and ASPEN websites. Competitive travel grants will be available for young investigators.

4. Physician taskforce – we hope to support a collaborative multi-society evaluation of approaches to encourage physician training in clinical nutrition. How do we keep physicians involved in clinical nutrition and our society?
Our Council will be holding bimonthly conference calls and will convene at the annual EB Meeting as we look to implement these priorities. Please contact me directly with suggestions or concerns.

Contribution by Gordon Jensen, Chair, Medical Nutrition Council

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Coming Events

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SEPTEMBER

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


18-20 Development of DRIs, 1994-2004: Lessons Learned and New Challenges. Institute of Medicine, Food and Nutrition Board Workshop. National Academy of Sciences, Washington, D.C. This 3-day workshop provides an opportunity to consider lessons learned from the DRI development and to identify issues to be considered in enhancing the approach to establishing nutrient reference standards. There is no cost to register for the workshop; register at: http://www8.nationalacademies.org/isc-registration/public/default.asp?event=E2EAF99 Information at: www.iom.edu/driworkshop2007


OCTOBER

8–12 Isotope Tracers in Metabolic Research: Principles and Practice of Kinetic Analysis. Robert R. Wolfe, Henri Brunengraber. A course providing basic introductory and comprehensive information on performing metabolic studies using tracers labeled with radioactive or stable isotopes, in man and in animals. This course is designed for beginners as well as those with experience who wish to expand their capabilities to more sophisticated problems. The international faculty is well-versed in a variety of applications and methodologies. University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Donald W Reynolds Institute on Aging, Little Rock AR. Information at: dviane@uams.edu

17-19 Cardiovascular Biomarkers and Surrogate Endpoints Symposium. FDA’s Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition is co-sponsoring a three-day symposium that will address, in part, potential surrogate endpoints of cardiovascular disease risk. Location: Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Convention Center, Bethesda, MD. Online Registration: www.cmod.org. Information at: Paula Trumbo at (301) 436-2579.

21-26 ISTERH/NTES/HTES ’07. Join us for a conference on “Trace Elements in Diet, Nutrition and Health: Essentaility and Toxicity.” An integrated meeting of the International Society for Trace Element Research in Humans (ISTERH), the Nordic Trace Element Society (NTES), and the Hellenic Trace Element Society (HTES), to be held at the Creta Maris Hotel, Hersonissos, Crete-Greece. Information at: http://www.isterh.org. Email: Creteconference2007@isterh.org.

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

**NOVEMBER**

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


**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

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**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.

**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.

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**Postdoctoral Research Fellowships in Nutrition and Epidemiology: Nutritional Status and HIV Treatment; Diet and Cancer ***#KSW-21059***. Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, home of three Nobel laureates, is an independent, nonprofit research institution dedicated to the development and advancement of biomedical research to eliminate cancer and other potentially fatal diseases. Recognized internationally for its pioneering work in bone-marrow transplantation, the Center’s four scientific divisions collaborate to form a unique environment for conducting basic and applied science. The Hutchinson Center, in collaboration with its clinical and research partners, the University of Washington and Children’s Hospital and Regional Medical Center, is the only National Cancer Institute-designated comprehensive cancer center in the Pacific Northwest. Join us and make a difference. The Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center invites applications for two-year postdoctoral fellowships for its Cancer Prevention Research program. Projects include a new study of nutritional status and HIV treatment outcome in Kenyan children; an investigation of the interrelationships among diet, inflammation, oxidative damage, and steroid hormones with prostate cancer risk; predictors of progression of Barrett’s Esophagus; and the Selenium and Vitamin E Cancer Prevention Trial. The Hutchinson Center conducts large, population-based studies, intervention trials, surveillance, and epidemiologic studies of cancer etiology, with many opportunities for collaboration and training. A Ph.D. and/or M.D. with training in nutrition, epidemiology, or related fields is required. These positions are open to all applicants. Stipends are based on NIH guidelines and depend upon training and experience. To apply for this position, please send cover letter, curriculum vitae, and the contact information for three professional references to: Käthe Watanabe, Human Resources Specialist, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, Human Resources, J1-105, P.O. Box 19024, Seattle, WA 98109-1024; Email: kwatanab@fhcrc.org; Fax: 206-667-4051; web site: http://www.fhcrc.org

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University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, School of Health Related Programs Department of Nutritional Sciences. Faculty positions available: Immediately and January 2008. The Graduate Programs in Clinical Nutrition has up to two assistant/associate professor positions available for September 2007 and January 2008 respectively. Qualifications include expertise in clinical nutrition, clinical nutrition and outcomes research, evidence based practice, interest in teaching on the web, and a commitment to the vision of the programs. Doctoral degree in nutrition/dietetics required; RD preferred. Primary responsibilities include teaching in the web-based MS and Doctorate programs in Clinical Nutrition and the PhD in Health Sciences Nutrition track, academic and research advisement, grantmanship and service. Submit letter of application and curriculum vitae to: Dr. Riva Touger-Decker, UMDNJ-SHRP, 65 Bergen Street, Newark, New Jersey 07107-3001, decker@umdnj.edu.

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The Council for Responsible Nutrition seeks a Vice President/Director of Botanical Science & Regulation. CRN, a leading trade association based in Washington, DC, representing dietary supplement manufacturers and ingredient suppliers, seeks an expert in Botanical Science and Regulation to increase awareness among regulatory officials, legislators, healthcare practitioners, the media and consumers of evolving botanical research that supports an appropriate role for botanical and herbal dietary supplements, through: providing scientific expertise in botany, pharmacognosy and toxicology; evaluating proposed government actions that affect the industry; building rapport with the botanical and biochemistry communities; ensuring that CRN’s legislative or other policy positions are based on a sound botanical rationale; analyzing emerging research and putting new data into perspective for regulators, legislators, the media, and for the public. The ideal candidate will be required to have: A Doctorate of Philosophy in Plant Biology, Organic Chemistry, Botany, Pharmacognosy, Toxicology or Natural Medicine; a minimum of five years relevant experience in Botanical Science or Natural Products Chemistry; must be familiar with current federal regulation of dietary supplements; excellent written and oral communication skills (with some history of publication in peer reviewed journals); ability to multi-task and work in collegial, fast-paced, fluid environment as a team player with staff and member company representatives. Go to www.crnusa.org for more information about CRN. Please provide cover letter, resume and references to: Ms. Gerry Satterfield, The Council for Responsible Nutrition, 1828 L Street, N.W., Suite 900, Washington, D.C. 20036; fax: (202) 204-7980; or email gsatterfield@crnusa.org.
Assistant Professor of Nutrition, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Department of Food Science, NC State University.

Position: Assistant Professor of Nutrition; Appointment: 100% Teaching (9-month, tenure track); Position Available: January 1, 2008 or until filled.

Responsibilities: The successful applicant will have sole or shared teaching responsibilities for core undergraduate courses in nutrition, including but not limited to introductory, community and life-cycle nutrition and will advise students in the nutrition sciences major. S/he will also develop and be responsible for an internet-based, senior-level capstone course with an experiential learning component. S/he is also expected to partner with colleagues in other disciplines both on campus and across the country in scholarly work associated with teaching and learning, especially as it relates to distance and experiential education, and to participate in departmental, college, and/or university affairs. Participation in the graduate program is possible through collaborative research and teaching in the successful applicant’s specialty. The primary appointment will be in the Department of Food Science with possible membership in the Interdepartmental Nutrition Faculty.

Qualifications: A Ph.D. in Nutrition or a related discipline. A concentration and/or experience in public health/community nutrition programming and RD certification are desirable but not required. Candidates must demonstrate outstanding oral and written communication skills, as well as excellent interpersonal skills, and have documented excellence in teaching.

Application Procedure: The application must be submitted on-line at https://jobs.ncsu.edu or quick link http://jobs.ncsu.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=77037. Applicants must attach a letter of application, curriculum vitae, one-page statement of their teaching philosophy, and a one-page statement of their research interests to the web-based application. In addition to the web-based application, academic transcripts and three letters of reference must be sent to: Ms. Sue Strong, North Carolina State University, Department of Food Science, Campus Box 7624, Raleigh, NC 27695-7624. Questions may be directed to: Dr. Sarah Ash (Sarah_Ash@ncsu.edu), Chair of Search Committee or Dr. Donn Ward (Donn_Ward@ncsu.edu), Department Head. Application Deadline: September 15, 2007, or until an acceptable candidate is identified. EOE/AA.

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Datelines

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

From Colombia...Rafael Pérez-Escamilla chaired the FAO-sponsored 'First Latin American & Caribbean Household Food Security Measurement Conference', June 8-10, Carmen del Viboral, Antioquia, Colombia. This conference was co-chaired and hosted by Martha Cecilia Alvarez Uribe from the University of Antioquia. Additional conference scientific committee members were Hugo Melgar-Quinonez (Ohio State), Ana Maria Segall-Corrêa (University of Campinas, Brazil), and Mark Nord (USDA). The main purpose of the conference was to begin a consultative process for the incorporation of The Latin American & Caribbean Household Food Security Scale (Escala Latinoamericana y del Caribe de Seguridad Alimentaria (ELCSA)) in nationally representative surveys in the Region. ELCSA builds heavily upon the national experiences in the USA, Brazil, and Colombia applying experience-based household food security scales as well as from similar but smaller scale projects in Argentina, Bolivia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Trinidad & Tobago, and Venezuela. ELCSA also benefited from the Household Food Insecurity Access Scale (HFIAS) multi-regional study carried out by the Academy for Educational Development USAID FANTA project and partners. The conference keynote speaker was Beatrice Rogers (Tufts) who delivered the talk 'Measuring and Monitoring of Food Insecurity and its Relationship with Social Policies: International Perspective.' The conference also included presentations from ASN members Odilia Bermudez, Hugo Melgar-Quinonez, Mark Nord, and Rafael Perez-Escamilla, as well as graduate students Michelle Hackett (Ohio State) and Wendy Gonzalez (Cornell and University of South Carolina). The conference drew 72 participants representing 11 Latin American countries, Italy and the USA, 3 international agencies, 7 universities and 22 government agencies. Countries commitments and participants’ evaluations showed that the conference was a big success. Plans are already under way for a Regional follow-up conference in 2008. For conference proceedings and more information on the ELCSA project please contact rafael.perez-escamilla@uconn.edu. In May, Helena Pachon from the Centro Internacional de Agricultura Tropical (CIAT), presented in the satellite roundtable discussion at the World Health Assembly on "Nutrition Public Policies: Redefining the Architecture of the Future" hosted by the Mexican Minister of Health. In June, she participated in a discussion at the World Health Organization on "Setting strategies and priorities for joint international research on agriculture and health.” In July, Helena presented at the CDC's Division of Nutrition and Physical Activity on “The development and deployment of biofortified staple crops to address nutrient deficiencies in Latin America and the Caribbean”; she was hosted by Juan Pablo Peña Rosas of the IMMPaCt program. Also in July, Helena hosted at CIAT in Colombia a 2-day visit by Debbie Humphries from the Yale School of Public Health.

From Guatemala...Walter Willett was in Guatemala in June to speak on the topic of "Nutritional Deficiencies and Excesses in the 21st Century” at the Regional Meeting for Central American Nutrition and Health Strategies, hosted at INCAP. He also signed a cooperative agreement between the Harvard School of Public Health and INCAP for providing access to the products of HSPH resources to benefit public health nutrition actions in Central America and the Dominican Republic. Odilia Bermudez of Tufts University Medical School undertook a sabbatical exchange during two months of this past summer in Guatemala, splitting her time between collaborations at INCAP and CeSSIAM. She also supervised summer exchange projects in her native Panama for medical students of the TUSM.

From Haiti...Rafael Perez-Escamilla traveled to Camp Camperrin, Haiti, July 14-20, to work with his Haitian graduate student Michael Dessalines on household food security issues and on the potential contribution of Orange Fleshted Sweet Potato to the vitamin A intake of women and children in South Haiti. This formative research work is being done as a full partnership between UConn, The International Center of Tropical Agriculture (CIAT) in Cali, Colombia (Helena Pachon), and The Organization for the Rehabilitation of the Environment (ORE) in Camp Camperrin (Mousson Finigan).

From Mexico... In May, Esther Casanueva participated in a regional workshop, which was held in Antigua, Guatemala, under the sponsorship of WHO/PAHO/INCAP, to review the advances made in Latin America on the food guidelines, specifically based on local foods. There were presentations by Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Colombia, Guatemala, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Uruguay, and Venezuela.

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Dateline North...Darlene Berryman

From Iowa State University...Diane Birt received the Iowa State University College of Human Sciences 2007 Research Award and presented “Can we improve Echinacea as a cold remedy?” She also presented “Using diversity among species of Echinacea and Hypericum to identify metabolomic profiles of bioactivity” at the Society for Economic Botany annual meeting in Chicago, IL on June 4-7 and participated in the Conflict of Interest Working Group for evaluation of contracts of the National Toxicology Program (NIEHS) by the NIH on May 31 to June 1 in Raleigh-Durham, NC. Don Beitz, along with 33-year colleague Jerry Young, received the Pfizer Animal Health Award at the 2007 annual meeting of American Dairy Science Association. He also assumed the vice presidency of the same organization.

From Michigan State University...Sharon Hoerr has completed a sabbatical leave at Baylor and was recently elected to the SNE Board. Norman Hord delivered the Boyd Orr lecture “Insights into the diet and cancer conundrum: diet and the stem cell microenvironment” at the UK Nutrition Society meeting at the University of Ulster in Coleraine, Northern Ireland. Dr. Hord also lectured on “Introduction to Carcinogenesis” for the Molecular Prevention Course at the National Cancer Institute’s Summer Curriculum in Cancer Prevention. Theobald Mosha, Sokoine University of Agriculture, Morogoro, Tanzania hosted 12 undergraduate students and faculty leader Maurice Bennink from Michigan State University as they participated in a 3-week Study Abroad Program focused on “Food, Nutrition and Health in Tanzania”.

From Purdue University...Olivia Wood retired in May 2007. Stacey Mobley is now the Director of our Didactic Program in Dietetics. Megan McCrory of Bastyr University will join the faculty of Foods & Nutrition as an assistant professor in fall 2007. In May, Gil Leveille was honored with a Purdue honorary doctorate. In addition to University festivities, the Departments of Foods & Nutrition and Food Science hosted a dinner & roast and a symposium. Presenters for the roast were: Suzanne Nielson, Food Science; Connie Weaver, Foods & Nutrition; Charles Santerre, Foods & Nutrition & Jon Story, Foods & Nutrition, as well as associate dean of the Graduate School, all of Purdue. Invited speakers for the symposium and their presentations were: Connie Weaver, Purdue - “To know Gil is to love and respect him;” Dave Baker, University of Illinois - “The Thrill of Discovery: By Design and By Accident;” Dale Romansos, Michigan State University - “A Journey from the Fat Cell to the Brain;” Steve Clarke, McNeil - “The Journey from Chasing Carbons to Chasing Genes;” Bill Aimitis, Cargill - “The Exciting Interface Between Nutrition and Food Science in a Corporate Environment;” Johanna Dwyer, Tufts - “Dietary Guidance: Where we were, where we are, and where are we going?” The symposium closed with a panel discussion, “The future of food science and nutrition: Building on a legacy. The panel was composed of Guy Johnson, Nutrition Solutions; Richard Black, Kraft Foods; Shridhar Sathe, Florida State University; Kathleen McMahon, Wrigley Science Institute. Jim Fleet was an invited speaker at the NCI conference on “Vitamin D and Cancer: Current Dilemmas/Future Needs,” May 8, 2007. He presented, “What have genomic and proteomic approaches told us about vitamin D and cancer?” From May 21-25, 2007 he attended the First Bertinoro Systems Biology Workshop in Bertinoro, Italy. The theme of this meeting was Systems Biology Meets the Clinic. His presentation was “The genomics of enterocyte differentiation.” Dorothy Morré participated in the Alternative Splicing-Special Interest Group Meeting of the 15th International Congress on Intelligent Systems for Molecular Biology (ISMB), Vienna, Austria, July 19-20, 2007. Fish for your Health is a new wallet card, developed by Charles Santerre, of fish safety information for vulnerable populations. It has received excellent reception with nearly 1/3 million wallet cards distributed since the first printing in June of this year. http://fn.cfs.purdue.edu/anglingindiana/Walletcard/walletcard.htm Presenters for our May Conference, “Get the Facts: Hot Topics in Nutrition” translated research content to application-based presentations: "Lessons from the NIH Women’s Health Initiative”- Connie Weaver; "Can Green Tea Make a Difference?”- Dorothy Morré; “Trans Fats” - Kim Buhman; "Are Personalized Dietary Recommendations Possible? -How Genetics Influence Nutrition”- James Fleet, "Nutrient Bioaccessibility”- Peter Ellis – King’s College, London; "Vitamin E and Health"- Qing Jiang; “Beverages & Obesity” - Rick Mattes; and “Reflections” - Karen Gunselman. Five persons were inducted into the Foods & Nutrition Hall of Fame in May 2007: R. Paul Abernathy, Helen E. Clark (posthumous), Avanelle Kirksey, Karen Gunselman and Barbara Shannon.

From The Ohio State University...The Department of Human Nutrition is pleased to announce that Carla Miller joined the faculty as an Associate Professor on July 1. Carla’s research primarily focuses on theory-based behavioral change interventions at the individual and community level with emphasis on dietary prevention and management of diabetes. Forty-two graduate students and dietetic interns presented posters summarizing their research projects at the annual research symposium on June 1. This symposium was dedicated as the Russell Klein Memorial Nutrition Research Symposium. Russ, an Assistant Professor in Human Nutrition and the Comprehensive Cancer Center and a member of...
ASN, passed away on December 1, 2006. During his relatively short time on the faculty, Russ had a profound influence on the department and particularly graduate student research. Janet King was the Keynote Speaker for this year’s special event and presented a lecture titled Zinc Nutrition: Is it really a problem? Janet visited with students attending their posters along with judges who included ASN members Amy Mackey, Kyle Kent, Bill Weiss, Don Palmquist, and Maureen Geraghty. Anne Smith was the recipient of the 2007 Outstanding Educator Award from the Ohio Dietetics Association. Hugo Melgar-Quinonez presented a lecture titled The Growing Latino Community: New Challenges for Nutrition and Health Professionals in the US at the New York State Extension Conference held at Cornell University on May 15th. Hugo also served as member of the Scientific and Organizing Committee at the 1st Latin American Conference on Household Food Security Measurements held in Medellin, Colombia. He presented two lectures, International Experience in Measuring Household Food Insecurity and Measuring Household Food Insecurity in Rural Communities in Latin America, to the audience representing several universities, governmental and non-government agencies from 11 countries and other international institutions. Michelle Hackett, Hugo’s doctoral student, also presented a paper on Gender related Patterns of Response to the Brazilian Household Food Security Scale. Lydia Medeiros and Mark Failla traveled to Taipei Medical University (TMU) in Taipei, Taiwan, in June to teach graduate courses in the School of Nutrition and Health Sciences. Lydia’s course focused on Food Safety for High Risk and Mark’s course examined Regulation of Amount and Activity of Gene Products by Dietary Compounds Regulation of Nutrient Metabolism. Students from two additional universities in Taipei, i.e., Fu-Jen University and Shih Chien University, were also enrolled in the intensive short courses. The host for the exchange was Jane Chao, Professor in the School of Nutrition and Health Sciences and Director, Global Liaison Center for TMU. Jane is an alumna of the Department of Human Nutrition at OSU. Lydia and Mark also were featured speakers at the Annual Meeting and Conference on Health Management Society of Taiwan held at Yuanpei University (YPU) in Taiwan. These activities were associated with the recent establishment of exchange agreements between the Taiwanese universities and OSU.

From Ohio University...Dave Holben was recently promoted to full professor and Darlene Berryman was promoted to associate professor in the School of Human and Consumer Sciences.


From the University of Minnesota...Andrew Flood gave an invited talk at the AACR annual meeting in Los Angeles in April, 2007. The title was “Dietary patterns and incident colorectal cancer among middle aged Americans: The NIH-AARP Diet and Health Study.” Dan Gallaher was an external examiner in the Canadian Program in Food Safety, Nutrition and Regulatory Affairs workshop evaluating the scientific literature on oats/psyllium and cholesterol-lowering/risk for heart disease, March, 2007 at the University of Toronto. He also gave an invited talk “Decreases in Adiposity by Viscous Indigestible Polysaccharides in Rats,” at the Symposium on Soluble Cellulose as Dietary Fiber in Human Nutrition and Health, American Chemical Society annual meeting, Chicago, March 2007. John Himes was a member of an Ad Hoc Advisory Group on the construction of growth velocity standards for the Department of Nutrition and Health at the World Health Organization, and presented a paper on statistical considerations in constructing velocity growth standards for children at the group meeting in Geneva in March 2007. Mindy Kurzer gave an invited talk titled “Soy and prostate cancer, an update,” at the 7th International Symposium on the Role of Soy in Preventing and Treating Chronic Disease,” Bangkok, in March, 2007. In May 2007, she gave a talk titled “Phytoestrogen use by women: an update” in the plenary session panel on women’s health issues and nutrition at the 4th Annual Nutrition and Health: State of the Science and Clinical Applications conference in San Diego. Mindy was recently appointed to the Soy Nutrition Institute Scientific Advisory Board, and was also recently appointed the inaugural director of the University of Minnesota Healthy Foods, Healthy Lives Institute. Allen Levine participated in an invitation-only conference at Yale University July 2007 that focused on the topic of food and addiction. Kelly Brownell and Mark Gold organized the meeting of about 40 experts on nutrition, obesity, and
addition, and Nora Volkow, director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse, was the keynote speaker. Doug Mashek attended the Dannon Institute’s Nutrition Leadership Institute in June, 2007. He also received a Junior Faculty Award from the American Diabetes Association. Dianne Neumark-Sztainer gave a plenary presentation “Preventing Eating Disorders AND Obesity: What Are the Challenges and Can They Be Overcome?” at the Academy for Eating Disorders International Conference, Baltimore, May 2007. Frank Nuttall and Mary Gannon were recipients of the American College of Nutrition Award for 2006. This is the highest honor bestowed by the College, given to senior investigators for distinguished lifetime achievement and contributions. The award acknowledged their fundamental and seminal work on nutrient metabolism. They presented the award lecture titled “Dietary Treatment of Type 2 Diabetes: A Personal Odyssey” at the Annual Scientific Meeting in Reno, Nevada, October 2006. They also presented their recent research on the dietary management of type 2 diabetes in a talk titled “Dietary Protein and Type 2 Diabetes” at the Protein Summit, held in Charleston, SC., May 2007. Joseph Prohaska gave an invited talk titled “Impact of Copper Limitation on Expression of Mammalian Copper Binding Proteins” at the Dept. of Nutritional Sciences, Penn State University, March 2007. Susan Raatz gave a lecture titled “Controversies in Using the Glycemic Index” at the American Diabetes Association’s 67th Scientific Session, Chicago, June 2007. Joanne Slavin gave a talk on “Dietary fibre and satiety,” at the British Nutrition Foundation 40th Year Celebration, London, March 2007. She also spoke on “Whole grains and health” at the Federation of the European Nutrition Societies 10th European nutrition conference, Paris, July 2007. Lyn Steffen was nominated to serve on an American Heart Association writing group titled “Effects of Carbohydrates on CVD and CVD Risk Factors.” This paper was initiated by the nutrition science subcommittee of the Council on Nutrition, Physical Activity and Metabolism.

From University of Wisconsin-Madison...Recent speakers at the Nutritional Sciences Seminar Series included Michael K. Georgiev, from the University of Minnesota, speaking on the fetal and neonatal iron nutrition and brain development; Eric L. Lien, retired from Wyeth Nutritional, speaking on infant formula development: the integration of nutritional and food sciences; William Dietz, from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, speaking on strategies to control the obesity epidemic in conjunction with Medicine Grand Rounds; and Steven A. Abrams, from Baylor College of Medicine, speaking on neonatal calcium metabolism for Pediatric Grand Rounds and on iron absorption in young children for the departmental seminar.

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Dateline East...with Robert Jackson

From the NIH Office of Dietary Supplements (ODS)...Mary Frances Picciano and Paul Thomas co-directed an intensive practicum titled “Current Issues and Recent Developments in Dietary Supplement Research” held May 21-25 on the NIH campus in Bethesda, MD. The 50 attendees, primarily professors and graduate students in nutrition and food science departments across the country, received over 5 days a thorough overview about issues, concepts, regulations, controversies, databases, and unknowns related to supplements and supplement ingredients. A crosscutting theme was the importance of scientific investigations to evaluate the efficacy, safety, and value of these products for health promotion and disease prevention. The practicum faculty included NIH scientists, representatives from the Food and Drug Administration and other government agencies, as well as researchers and communicators from academia and private groups. Attendees also spent a day in Washington DC meeting with representatives from the dietary supplement industry and professional and consumer-advocacy groups. ODS will conduct the practicum again next year on June 9-13, 2008.

From the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition at the University of Maine...Mary Ellen Camire was named a 2007 Fellow of the Institute of Food Technologists for her contributions to extrusion processing, dietary fiber analysis, dietary supplements, and functional foods and meritorious service to IFT. This fall the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition will offer a new course- FSN 524 Research Methods and Biostatistical Techniques- taught by Professor Camire via the Internet. For more information on this graduate class, please visit http://learnonline.umaine.edu.

From the Graduate Program in Nutrition at The Pennsylvania State University...Gordon L. Jensen assumed the Department Head position for the Department of Nutritional Sciences in the College of Health and Human Development at The Pennsylvania State University and was appointed Chair of the Medical Nutrition Council for ASN, both positions effective July 1, 2007. Shannon L. Kelleher joined the Nutritional Sciences Department at The Pennsylvania State University on July 1, 2007. Barbara Lohse presented a
poster in Oslo, Norway at the Annual Meeting of the International Society for Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity entitled PREDIMED explores eating competence, the Mediterranean diet, and cardiovascular biomarkers. Co-authors were Stotts J, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA; Zazpe I, University of Navarra; Sorli JV, University of Valencia; Marquez F, University Rovira i Virgili, Reus, Spain; Serra M, Estruch R, and Ros E, Hospital Clinic, University of Barcelona; on behalf of the PREDIMED Study investigators. Shelly Richardson was selected as President-Elect to the American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) at the Annual Mtg., June 2007. The organization is recognized as the only national forum where K-12 teachers, university educators and corporate executives collaborate to improve the quality of individual and family life. It has over 8,000 professionals who educate and influence generations of American consumers in classrooms, companies, and communities. Barbara Rolls was selected as the 2007 W.O. Atwater Lecturer by USDA’s Agricultural Research Service (ARS). The ARS established the Atwater Lecture in 1968 to honor the memory of Wilbur Olin Atwater (1844-1907) and to recognize scientists who have made unique contributions toward improving the diet and nutrition of people around the world. Rolls’ lecture, High Satiety: Eating Less In An Obesigenic Environment, was given to a standing-room-only crowd on May 1 in the Living Center of the Henderson Building on the Penn State University Park campus. Penny Kris-Etherton will be honored with the Marjorie Hulsizer Copfer Award from American Dietetic Association at the Fall 2007 Food & Nutrition Conference & Expo. The Marjorie Hulsizer Copfer Award is the highest honor the American Dietetic Association bestows on one of its members. Persons receiving this honor must have contributed to the association through lengthy and active participation and service. Dr. Kris-Etherton will receive the award at the opening session, which will be on Saturday, September 29 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in Expo Hall C of the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia, PA. John Beard was elected vice-president elect of the American Society for Nutrition. The organization is the premier research society dedicated to improving the quality of life through the science of nutrition. Andrea Mastro and Sandeep Prabhu of (Vet Sci.) received a two-year grant from the American Institute of Cancer Research to study how Selenium affects breast cancer metastasis in bone. Catherine Ross presented a talk on “Retinoid regulation of B-cell and antigen-presenting cell functions” at the FASEB Summer conference on Nutritional Immunology, held in Tucson, AZ, July 28-Aug. 2. Sibylle Kranz, presented a talk on “Diagnostic criteria patterns of U.S. children with Metabolic Syndrome indicate reason for concern (NHANES 1999-2002)” at the European Childhood Obesity Group (ECOG), Athens (Greece) in July 2007. Dr. Kranz also presented a talk on “WIC and food stamp participation, children’s diet quality, and the risk for childhood obesity” at the USDA/ERS “Food Assistance and Obesity: Measuring the Link” (Workshop), in Washington DC, July 2007.

From the Division of Nutritional Sciences at Cornell University...Dale Bauman presented a Lecture on "Modifying animal fats: What contributions do they make to human health" in the Plenary Symposium at the 2007 Canadian Nutrition Congress in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Gretel Pelosi presented the opening keynote address at the International Conference on Nature and Nurture, which was held in Grange-over-Sands, Cumbria, UK, (June 25-27) and a lecture in the Bloomsbury Nutrition Series at the London School of Hygiene. Earlier this spring she received the Malinowski Award and presented the Malinowski Award Lecture at the annual meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology. At the first Conference of the Federation of African Societies of Nutrition which took place in Quarzazate, Morocco from May 7-9, Michael Latham was presented the Lifetime Achievement Award from the African Graduate Students Network (AGSNNet) “for improving nutrition in Africa”. The day prior to the award he delivered the inaugural keynote address at the Second Biennial Conference of AGSNNet. The title was “Combating common infections to reduce malnutrition”. Dr. Latham was in Jamaica from June 17-24 to serve as External Examiner for the 2007 MPH students at the University of the West Indies (UWI) Faculty of Medical Sciences on the Mona campus in Kingston. At UWI he also presented a formal lecture in the Department of Community Health and Psychiatry. The title was “Micronutrient Deficiencies and their Control”.

From Rutgers University, The State University of New Jersey...Daniel Hoffman was a co-coordinator and lecturer for the IAEA sponsored Regional Training Course for the Use of Stable Isotopes in Nutrition Research” at the University of the West Indies, Mona in Kingston, Jamaica, held June 18-22, 2007. Dawn Brasaemle presented a talk, “Lipid Droplet-Associated Proteins and the Control of Triacylglycerol Metabolism” at the 6th International Conference on Lipid Binding Proteins in Vancouver, Canada, June 3 – 5. Judith Storch presented a talk at the 2007 Scientific Conference on Niemann-Pick Type C Disease in Tucson, AZ on June 1st, entitled “The Role of NPC2 in Lysosomal Cholesterol Transport.”

From Department of Nutritional Sciences at the University of Connecticut...Maria-Luz Fernandez was honored at the University of Connecticut’s graduate commencement with the Provost’s Research Excellence Award for 2006. Richard Bruno was awarded USDA-NRI funding for his
proposal entitled “Evaluation of the Bioactivity of Green Tea in an Animal Model of Hepatic Oxidative Stress”. Dr. Bruno also received the 2007 ILSI Research Foundation Supplemental Research Award on Physiological Effects of Carbohydrates for his proposal, “Hyperglycemia-Mediated Alterations in Vascular Endothelium Function and Redox Sensitive Parameters”. Rafael Pérez-Escamilla traveled to Camp Camperrín, Haiti, July 14-20, to work with his Haitian graduate student Michael Dessalines on household food security issues and on the potential contribution of Orange Fleshy Sweet Potato to the vitamin A intake of women and children in South Haiti. This formative research work is being done as a full partnership between UConn, The International Center of Tropical Agriculture (CIAT) in Cali, Colombia (Helena Pachón), and The Organization for the Rehabilitation of the Environment (ORE) in Camp Camperrín (Mousson Finnigan). Rafael Pérez-Escamilla delivered the workshop ‘Household Food Insecurity, Human Rights and Human Development in Latin America’ as part of the 2007 Yale University Council on Latin American & Iberian Studies Summer Institute, July 12, New Haven, Connecticut. Dr Pérez-Escamilla chaired the ‘First Latin American & Caribbean Household Food Security Measurement Conference’, June 8-10, Carmen del Viboral, Antioquia, Colombia. See “Dateline Latin America & The Caribbean” in this issue for more information on this seminal conference. The Connecticut NIH EXPORT Center for Eliminating Health Disparities among Latinos (CEHDL, www.cehdl.uconn.edu), led by Rafael Pérez-Escamilla, held its 2nd annual conference entitled ‘Reducing Cancer Disparities in Connecticut and Beyond’ on May 16th in Storrs. The keynote address ‘Obesity and Cancer: A Health Disparities Perspective’ was delivered by Tim Byers from the University of Colorado School of Medicine. This conference brought together 130 participants from academia, community agencies, health care institutions and government health agencies to discuss issues ranging from cancer genomics and nutrition to community support groups. Ann Ferris moved to the University of Connecticut Health Center as Deputy Director of the UCHC Public Health Signature Program and University Director of Public Health doctoral training. Her faculty appointment will be in the new Division of Public Health and Population Sciences in the Department of Medicine.

From Tufts University ...Allen Taylor, chief of the Nutrition and Vision Research Lab, received the Denham Harmon Award for Excellence in Aging Research at the annual meeting of the American Aging Association in San Antonio in June. José Ordovas is a candidate for the Prince of Asturias Award, known as the Spanish Nobel Prize. He was nominated by the Spanish Society of Arteriosclerosis and is supported by six other Spanish scientific societies as well as institutions around the world. In the past, these awards have been given to luminaries such as Bill Gates, Francis Collins, Jane Goodall, Woody Allen, Arthur Miller and Craig Venter. Robert Russell, director of the HNRCA, has accepted an invitation to become an advisor to the Nestle Foundation for the study of problems of nutrition in the world. The foundation is an independent institution that initiates and supports research in human nutrition with public health relevance in low-income countries. Alice Lichtenstein participated in a panel titled “You Are What you Eat: Eating and Supplements for Women’s Health” at the Association of Women’s Health, Obstetrics, and Neonatal Nurses in June in Orlando, FL.

From the Center for Food, Nutrition, and Agriculture Policy at the University of Maryland... On April 13, 2007, the Center hosted a delegation of policymakers and regulators from The Netherlands who were visiting the United States to learn more about nanotechnology and how it is regulated here. Maureen Storey spoke at the Pig Improvement Company’s Symposium May 9, 2007 in Nashville. She presented data from CFNAP’s study, “Consumers’ knowledge, attitudes, beliefs, and purchase intent regarding foods from the offspring of cloned animals.” At the invitation of Agriculture and Agri-food Canada, Dr. Storey will speak on the animal cloning study at the High Level Policy Dialogue of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation in Lima, Peru, in October 2007. Richard Forshee spoke on “Innovative regulatory approaches to reduce sodium consumption” at the Gerald R. Ford Fellows’ Reunion, Department of Political Science-University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, May 12. On July 18, 2007, Dr. Forshee presented a one-day workshop on “Risk Analysis Principles and Practices,” to a Chinese delegation as part of the Shandong Leadership Training Program administered by the Institute for Global Chinese Affairs, University of Maryland. Dr. Storey moderated a Symposium on “Health Benefits or Heightened Risks: Evaluating the Odds” at the Institute of Food Technologists Annual Meeting, July 31, 2007 in Chicago. She also spoke on CFNAP’s consumer study on mercury in seafood and the issue of risk-risk communication in a presentation entitled “Eating fish: Is it healthy or risky?” A new report, “Go Fish! An analysis of consumers’ understanding of the health risks of consuming and not consuming fish and shellfish,” by Maureen Storey and Richard Forshee, edited by Gayle Hein, is available for purchase from CFNAP’s web site: http://www.cnnap.umd.edu/files/Go_Fish_Order_Form.pdf

From the Nursing School of the University of Pennsylvania...Stella Volpe was an invited speaker at the 21st Congress of Annual Advances in Metabolism and Sports Nutrition in Bogota, Colombia (May 3-6, 2007). She gave three
presentations: "Environmental Approaches to Prevent Obesity", "Beverage Formulas for Effective Nutritional Recovery after Exercise and Sports", and "Hyponatremia Risk in Sports". Dr. Volpe also presented at the Army War College in Carlisle, PA, on "High Performance Nutrition" (May 18, 2007). She was an invited speaker at Bloomsburg University (via Eric Rawson) in March, 2007. Dr. Volpe had the following book published: *Fitness Nutrition for Special Dietary Needs* (Human Kinetics Publishers, 2007). Her co-authors were: Sara Bernier Sabelawski and Chris Mohr.

From the USDA – ARS - Beltsville Human Nutrition Research Center in Beltsville, MD... This last year has been one of restructuring and refining the focus of the laboratories in the Center during a period of retirement enticements. There are now six laboratory units at Beltsville (down from seven), comprising a total of 41 scientist positions; Food Composition and Methods Lab (FCML); Food Components and Health Lab (FCHL); Diet, Genomics, and Immunology Lab (DGIL); and Food Intake and Energy Regulation Lab (FIERL) are all new names. Many areas formerly housed in the Community Nutrition Research Group have joined The Food Surveys Research Group (FSRG), and the Nutrient Data Lab (NDL) continues to focus on the maintaining the national nutrient database and developing the dietary supplement ingredients database. The Center has been active in international presentations and collaborations. Allison Yates, Center Director, recently traveled to Seoul, Korea to assist the Korean Nutrition Society in reviewing issues in using nutrient reference values for food labeling. Congratulations and best wishes go to Julie Howe of the Nutrient Data Lab (NDL) on her retirement after 42 years with ARS. She continues to be involved in new projects as a collaborator. Dave Luthria of FCML recently received a Fulbright fellowship to the Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI) in New Delhi, India. Dr. Luthria will be working on the impact of global climate change on nutritional quality of agricultural products. Dave also presented a paper on improving efficiency of extracting phenolic phytochemicals from foods and dietary supplements at the 2007 Trends in Sample Preparations International Conference in Styria, Austria. Alanna Moshfegh, Betty Perloff, Allison Yates, Beverly Clevidence, Joe Goldman, and Carrie Martin met with Shigeru Yamamoto, Katsuyuki Miura, Katsushi Yoshita and four other nutrition colleagues from the Japanese government and research community along with visitor Suzanne Murphy, University of Hawaii, in late June to discuss national dietary data collection in the U.S., use of national data in assessing diets compared to the Dietary Reference Intakes (DRIs), and issues related to establishing DRIs. In July, the Vice President of Jiangnan (Southern Yangtze) University, Wuxi, China, Wu Wang, Professor in the School of Biotechnology, and five of his colleagues in food science and technology visited the Center’s Human Study Facility and the Diet, Genomics, and Immunology Laboratory (DGIL). Richard Anderson presented a Plenary Lecture entitled “Chromium and cinnamon polyphenols improve insulin sensitivity” at the Nutrition Society Meeting in Coleraine, Northern Ireland, in July. He also gave an invited lecture and roundtable presentation on chromium supplementation and risk factors associated with metabolic syndrome at the Third International Symposium of the Federation of European Societies on Trace Elements and Minerals in Santiago de Compostela, Spain, in May. Joanne Holden, Research Leader, NDL, participated in a workshop on developing a system to evaluate food composition data quality in Paris in June as part of an effort of the European Union to harmonize across the 27 European countries, part of the European Food Information Research (EuroFir) Project; NDL/ARS/USDA has conducted research in this area since 1985 and implemented a system for evaluating data quality. David Baer and Beverly Clevidence discussed common interests in studies of glucose tolerance in human volunteers with visitors from Tokushima University and Meiji Dairies Corp. of Japan; they are interested in encouraging post-graduate education in collaboration with the Center’s research projects. At the Washington Red Raspberry Commission meeting in Los Angeles with scientists who conduct research on small fruits, Beverly Clevidence discussed nutrient and phytochemical intakes from raspberries and related fruits, and later brainstormed with other scientists about research that would assist in identifying potential roles of raspberries in human health. Earlier in the year, Dr Clevidence focused on rice phytonutrients and whether realistic intakes of rice and rice bran oil would be large enough to promote health at the Rice Utilization Workshop in New Orleans. Another speaker at the meeting was one of the two ARS/USDA National Program Leaders for human nutrition, Molly Kretsch. In July, Joanne Holden spoke on the sources, measurement, and variation in the USDA’s composition data for fruits and vegetables at the Annual Meeting of the American Society for Horticultural Science in Phoenix, AZ in mid-July 2007. In late July, Joe Urban, Research Leader, DGIL, spoke on the effect of selenium deficiency on intestinal enzyme activity in mice with parasitic and bacterial infections at the FASEB 2007 Summer Conference "Nutritional Immunology: It’s Role in Health and Disease" in Tucson, AZ.

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Dateline Southeast...with Kathryn Kolasa

From Auburn University... Werner G. Bergen was named Fellow of the American Society of Animal Science at the 2007 Annual Meeting (San Antonio, TX). He was recognized for exemplary research in protein and lipid metabolism of livestock and for the application of basic research to solve practical problems in animal production.

From East Carolina University... Two faculty members are joining the Department of Nutrition and Dietetics. Ock Chun who completed post-docs at Cornell and most recently Michigan State University with an interest in bioflavonoid and chronic disease and Sarah Colby coming from the USDA Grand Forks Human Nutrition Center with an interest in factors involved in dietary behavior change and successful nutrition education, and to use this knowledge to develop obesity prevention interventions. Kathy Kolasa taught Nutrition for Primary Care physicians during the Family Medicine Board Review Course, Greensboro, NC.

From Emory University... Donald B. McCormick has been speaking and writing on the subject of the overzealous use of supplements, especially vitamin/mineral tablets. He will be teaching a course in “Vitamins and Hormones” for the Senior Academy of Emory University this fall.

From the University of Kentucky... Dennis Bruemmer presented a talk at the University of Missouri-Kansas City Cardiology Grand Rounds, entitled “Cardiovascular Disease Prevention in Type 2 Diabetes: Role of PPARs at the Crossroads of Metabolism and Atherosclerosis”, a talk at the University of Duesseldorf, Germany, entitled “Transcriptional Regulation of Vascular Smooth Muscle Cell Proliferation by PPAR-alpha: Role of Telomerase”, a talk at the German Society on Thrombosis and Hemostasis entitled "Osteopontin: An Extracellular Matrix Protein involved in Atherosclerosis and Aneurysm Formation", and a talk at Saint Louis University School of Medicine entitled “Cardiovascular Disease Prevention in Type 2 Diabetes”. Lisa Cassis presented a seminar at the University of Texas Southwestern entitled "Angiotensin II-induced Vascular Disease", and was an invited speaker at the International Society of Hypertension in the area of angiotensin II and adipose tissue function. Bernhard Hennig was invited to present a seminar at the Universidad de Antioquia, Colombia in May 2007. His talk was entitled “Beneficios y Riesgos de Los Ácidos Grasos Omega 6 y 3”. Xabier Arzuaga, a postdoctoral scholar in Dr. Hennig’s laboratory, received a University of Kentucky Lyman T. Johnson Postdoctoral Fellowship for 2007-2008. Jianhua Shao, Assistant Professor in the Graduate Center for Nutritional Sciences, has received the American Diabetes Association 2007 Thomas R. Lee Career Development Award for his study of the hormone adiponectin, which is made and secreted by adipocytes and is reduced in obesity and Type 2 diabetes.

From Mercer University... Effective August 1, 2007, Brian W. Tobin is Associate Dean for Medical Education and Professor of Biomedical Sciences, at Texas Tech - El Paso School of Medicine. Dr. Tobin was named as Founding Chair of the Department of Medical Education at what will be the newest school of medicine in the U.S. The nutritional sciences as defined by the NIH - NHLBI / NIDDK “Nutrition Curriculum Guide for Training Physicians”, will be incorporated across all four years of the medical education program.

From the University of Florida... Lynn B. Bailey was an invited speaker and symposium chairperson at the Third International Conference on Birth Defects and Disabilities in the Developing World held in Rio Janeiro, Brazil, June 17-21, 2007. The title of the symposium was “Folic Acid, Gene-Environmental Interactions, and Birth Defects.” In recognition of outstanding service, leadership achievements and contributions to the profession and practice of dietetics, Gail P. A. Kauwell has been selected by the American Dietetic Association Honors Committee and the ADA Board of Directors to receive the Excellence in Practice Award for Dietetics Education, to be presented at ADA’s Food and Nutrition Conference and Exhibition, Philadelphia, PA.

From University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill... Graduate students and postdoctoral fellows at UNC-CH distinguished themselves at the Experimental Biology meeting in April 2007. Alexia Smith (Mentor: Melinda Beck) won the ASN Mars, Inc. Predoctoral Fellowship. Kathryn Cole (Mentor: Melinda Beck) and Cynthia Nagle (Mentor: Rosalind Coleman) were winners of the ASN Procter & Gamble Abstract Competition. Erin Cernkovich (Mentor: Joyce Harp) was the overall winner of Procter & Gamble Abstract Competition and was selected as the recipient of the CARGILL Predoctoral Fellowship from the ASN. This award recognized the excellence of her project, “Function of signal transducer and activator of transcription 3 in adipose tissue formation.” Amy Paxton (Mentor: Alice Ammerman) received 2nd place in the Coca-Cola Company Award Poster Competition at the ASN Diet and Cancer Research Interest Section Business Meeting. Mary Resseguie (Mentor: Steve Zeisel) won the Wyeth Predoctoral Fellowship based on an international competition for outstanding research by a graduate student. Monal Shroff (Mentor: Margaret Bentley) was the recipient of The International Council Student Prize supported by the Kellogg Company and was also selected as a finalist for the Society for International Nutrition Prize. In addition,
Raymond Givens (Mentor: Nobuyo Maeda) and Daisy Zamora (Mentor: Barry Popkin) were awarded National Research Service Awards by the Department of Health and Human Services Research, NIH. Lucia Leone (Mentor: Marci Campbell) received a five-year Royster Society fellowship from the UNC-CH Graduate School. At the Postdoctoral level Joanne Watters (Mentor: Jessie Satia) accepted an NCI Cancer Prevention Fellowship which provides postdoctoral training in cancer prevention and control. Zuzana Droba (Mentor: Miroslav Styblo) was presented with the 2007 Best Postdoctoral Paper Award from the Society of Toxicology. Lisa Quintiliani (Mentor: Marci Campbell) and Sara Benjamin (Mentor: Alice Ammerman) were awarded Post Doctoral Fellowships at Harvard University. Melissa Scharoun Lee (Mentor: Penny Gordon-Larsen) was presented by the Population Association of America with the Blue Ribbon for her poster.

Steven Zeisel will be directing the UNC Chapel Hill School of Public Health’s Nutrition Research Institute (NRI), scheduled to begin operation in March, 2008. Researchers at the NRI will use cutting edge genomic and metabolomic methods to explore the role of diet and activity in normal brain development, the prevention of cancer, and the prevention and treatment of obesity. The NRI will be housed in a 120,000 sq ft building that is part of the 350-acre North Carolina Research Campus in Kannapolis, North Carolina.

From the Department of Nutrition at UNC-Greensboro...Arion Kennedy (mentor: Michael McIntosh) - one of four winners in the 2006-07 American Society of Nutrition - Procter & Gamble Graduate Student Oral Research Competition held at Experimental Biology 07 in Washington DC. Arion also won the Outstanding Graduate Student Award for the Department of Nutrition. Kristina Martinez (mentor: Michael McIntosh) - One of three winners in the 2006-07 Nutritional Immunology RIS Research Poster Competition held at Experimental Biology 07. Cheryl Lovelady received the school of Human Environmental Science Senior Research Excellence Award and Margaret Savoca received the Outstanding Advisor Award for the school. Keith Erikson presented a talk entitled “The nutritional and neurochemical aspects of manganese toxicity” at the Hamner Institute of Health Science in Durham, NC. Lynda Brown was a participant in the Dannon Institute’s Nutritional Leadership conference June 2-7, 2007.

From Wake Forest...Sarah Quandt was awarded the Outstanding Rural Health Researcher Award by the National Rural Health Association at their annual meeting in May.

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Dateline Canada ... with Gordon Zello

From the Canadian Society for Nutritional Sciences... Peter Fischer, Health Canada, is this year’s recipient of The Earle Willard McHenry Award of the Canadian Society for Nutritional The award sponsored by the Canadian Council of Food and Nutrition is given in recognition of distinguished service in the field of nutrition by a Canadian or Canadian-based individual. Linda Wylkes, McGill University, is this year’s recipient of The New Scientist Research Award. The award sponsored by the Centrum Foundation is normally made available to a member of the CSNS, who received their last academic degree not more than 15 years before the nomination deadline and who has made an outstanding contribution to research in nutrition within the preceding five years. (http://www.nutritionalsciences.ca/Annual%20Meetings/2007%20meeting/Awards2007.pdf). Finalists in the Nestlé Nutrition Graduate Student Competition held during the Canadian Nutrition Congress in Winnipeg (June 2007) were Tina Achaean, University of Toronto; Alexander Kalmia, University of Guelph; Jinn-Ni Liu, McGill University; Rgia Othman, University of Manitoba; Kathleen Pye, McGill University; Jasdeep Saggar, University of Toronto; Aysheh Shuaibi, University of Manitoba; Danielle Stringer, University of Manitoba. The top three finalists were Alexander Kalimbira, Danielle Stringer and Jasdeep Saggar. This year’s CSNS executive members are President Carol Greenwood (University of Toronto), Vice-President Katherine Gray-Donald (McGill University), Past President Mary L’Abbé (Health Canada), Secretary Guylaine Ferland (University de Montréal), Treasurer Janis Randall Simpson (University of Guelph), Science Policy Councilor Andrea Buchholtz (University of Guelph), Awards Councilor Robert Bertolo (Memorial University of Newfoundland), Program Councilor Janet Brunton (Memorial University of Newfoundland), Webmaster David Ma (University of Toronto), and Forum Editor Gordon Zello (University of Saskatchewan).

From the University of Manitoba... Usha Thiyam recently joined the Department of Human Nutritional Sciences. Dr. Thiyam completed her PhD in Food Technology at the University of Kiel (CAU), Germany and her PDF at the Fraunhofer Institute of Process Engineering and Packaging, Germany. Her research program will focus on antioxidant properties of minor components in canola and their application for enhancing stability of oils and oil-containing food systems. Michael Eskin will receive the T.S. Mounts Award at the Annual meeting of the American Oil Chemists’ Society in Quebec City.
This award recognizes research in the science and technology of edible oils, and specifically, Dr. Eskin’s work on establishing the properties and performance of canola oil, including the impact of minor components on the stability of edible oils. Peter Jones has given a number of invited presentations at various forums including the Global Dairy Platform: The Role of Milk Fat and Dairy Foods on Cardiovascular Disease Risk: Scientific Status and Public Health Implications (Rosemont, USA), International Food Symposium (Calgary), New Zealand BioConference (Auckland, New Zealand), Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine (Toronto), American Heart Association Annual Meeting (Chicago), Outlook Conference (Toronto), Pulse Canada Conference (Saskatoon) and the Canadian Association for Cardiac Rehabilitation (Vancouver). Robert Gibson, University of Adelaide, Australia, and Yves Sauve, University of Alberta presented guest seminars at the Richardson Centre for Functional Foods and Nutraceuticals. Garry Buettner, University of Iowa was a guest speaker in Human Nutritional Sciences.

From the University of Guelph... Harold Hugh Draper died July 20, 2007, in Melbourne, Florida, aged 83. Born in rural Manitoba, he enjoyed a satisfying career in research and education, as professor at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and as professor and chairman of the Department of Nutritional Sciences at the University of Guelph. Contributions to student scholarships, the preservation of nature or organizations that advance global quality of life would be fitting memorial tributes if desired. Congratulations to Alison Duncan who was named Researcher of the Month in January 2007 by the Canadians for Health Research organization for her research examining soy consumption, perception and knowledge in adults with type 2 diabetes. Jim Kirkland received a 2006-2007 Presidential Distinguished Professor Award in recognition of his contributions through teaching, research and service.

From the University of Mount Saint Vincent University... Patty Williams has been awarded a Canadian Research Chair in Food Security and Policy Change. Dr. Williams will co-ordinate the Participatory Action Research and Training Centre on Food Security, which will be housed at MSVU.

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

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

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

From the University of Nebraska-Lincoln...Nancy Lewis was elected to the American Dietetic Association House of Delegates for a three-year term beginning June 1. Her position is that as a Research Delegate. Janos Zempleni was a member of the Review Panel for Nutrition Research by the German State Secretary for Science and Education; the panel met on February 12 and 13, 2007, in Berlin, Germany. Janos also presented a talk entitled “Biological Functions of Biotinylated Histones” at the University of Rochester, NY, on April 9. He was a postor judge for the Vitamins and Minerals RIS Poster Competition at the Experimental Biology meeting on April 28 – May 2 in Washington D.C. Yap Ching Chew and Yousef Hassan received student travel grants from both the Agricultural Research Division and the College of Education and Human Sciences to attend the Experimental Biology meeting in D.C.

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

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

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Dateline West...with John McNamara

From the University of Southern California...Roger Clemens, an expert in food science, nutrition and public health at the University of Southern California, delivered an update on global health implications of functional foods at an international food and health conference in Xiamen, China in November 2006. He then presented several updates on food safety practices and procedures to government officials in Macau and Hong Kong in April, 2007. Dr. Clemens will be the keynote speaker at the Global Chinese Health Food Symposium that will convene in Chicago this July. In addition to addressing east-west medical practices, Dr. Clemens will provide several invited presentations on regulatory and safety issues with functional foods, physiological dynamics and interactions between functional foods and pharmaceutical agents, and future prospects in health claims during the July 2007 IFT annual meeting in Chicago. Dr. Clemens and his colleague Dr. Pressman now begin their fourth year as contributing authors to their column Food, Medicine and Health, which is published monthly in Food Technology. He serves as a volunteer spokesperson for ASN, IFIC and IFT, the latter for which he moderated several educational webinars since December 2006. Those webinars included defining and developing gluten-free, sodium and hypertension debate, health values of PUFAs, and implications of probiotics. Dr. Clemens was recently appointed to three USP committees: Food Additives, Non-botanical Dietary Supplements, and Information (Gastroenterology).

From the University of California at Davis... Barbara Schneeman has retired from the university continues in her position as Director of the Office of Nutrition, Labeling, and Dietary Supplements at the Food and Drug Administration, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition.

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SYMPOSIA/CONTROVERSY/WORKSHOP PROPOSALS (EB 2009)
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The ASN Symposia Advisory Committee for EB 2009 is preparing to review submissions for Symposia/Controversy/Workshop presentations at the annual meeting in New Orleans LA. Participating societies include Nutrition (ASN), Physiology (APS), Pharmacology (ASPET), Pathology (ASIP), Anatomy (AAA), and American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (ASBMB). You are encouraged to propose multi-disciplinary topics.

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