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INCOMING PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



As of June 1, 2006, the American Society for Nutrition (ASN) will have completed its transitional year during which the former three nutrition societies settled under a common mission. It is indeed a great pleasure for me to serve ASN as the first President of the now completely formed and constituted Society.

On behalf of the members of the Transitional Executive Board, I extend a most sincere thank you to Naomi Fukagawa and Denny Bier for their strong stewardship as co-presidents for the transitional year. I am counting on their continuing support and guidance as I take over the helm as President. It is also a great pleasure to be working with Fred Spahr, interim Executive Officer, whose expertise and vast experience in working with professional societies has been extremely valuable to our re-organization into one society and for the expeditious implementation of new initiatives. Fred will continue in the Interim role as we launch the search for a new Executive Officer, who we are hopeful to have in place by early Fall.

As expressed in my address at the ASN business meeting during *Experimental Biology*, I envision the coming year as the "dawning" of ASN as the Executive Board, staff and members work together to shape the Society to meet the needs of today's nutrition research scientists, affiliated health professionals, the media and the public.

The priority goals for evolving ASN are: 1) to foster opportunities for reinforcing the scientific research and academic strengths of the membership by improving on the deliverables for members including advocacy for a stronger research funding capacity, availability of professional development activities, and improved communications between ASN and other professional societies and government and non-governmental agencies; 2) to enhance teaching resources for professors and e-learning resources for undergraduate and graduate trainees in nutrition through development of a state-of-the-art ASN website which might include future delivery of live web-cast lectures for classroom teaching, archived lectures by expert members, novel continuing medical education events, and nutrition education curriculum/health care problem packages; 3) to improve the outreach of ASN to be the "go to" voice for translation of nutrition research into recommendations, policy or practice targeted to health professionals, government, the media and the public, and, 4) to enhance the capacity and roles of the ASN head office staff so that they may function in a more integrative and targeted

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OUTGOING PRESIDENTS' COLUMN

Approximately one year ago, the members of the American Society for Nutritional Sciences (ASNS) and its divisions, the Society for International Nutrition (SINR) and the American Society for Clinical Nutrition (ASCN), voted to consolidate and form a NEW society, the American Society for Nutrition (ASN) that would accomplish expansive goals more efficiently and with greater impact. In the intervening months, the aims have been realized, and we're proud of the accomplishments of the Society's staff, the Society's committees, and the Transition Executive Board whose efforts made the consolidation successful. We sincerely thank them all for working together with us to achieve the goal of forming a single society.

On first approximation, launching the American Society for Nutrition should have proven a relatively simple process. After all, the merging societies had largely the same thematic, scientific and policy goals as well as significantly overlapping memberships and committee structures. In practice, however, logistics of the consolidation were more complex than initially anticipated because the Transition Executive Board was committed to preserving all of the essential elements of each former society. Thus, overt or subtle differences in each society's governance and organizational structure, office activities, journal management, committee and awards structures, and other components necessitated considerable thought and discussion prior to integration.

Nonetheless, these processes have now been completed successfully and the appointment of a highly accomplished, Interim Executive Officer, Dr. Fred Spahr, has ensured that ASN will function optimally while the search for a permanent Executive Officer continues. All of the necessary legal actions have been taken to consolidate the former societies and the State of New York has given approval for the transfer of the assets of ASCN to ASN. Importantly in this context, the Transition Executive Board approved the guidelines that protect a sizeable fraction of ASCN's assets that will be maintained as a restricted fund in ASN and used specifically to promote clinical nutrition research, education and training in the health professions. Additionally, equal contributions to ASN from the assets of the ASNS and ASCN have ensured the financial

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manner with the Executive Board, society committees and
members.

Toward these goals, several initiatives are already in motion
to provide improved service to the membership. A new position
has been created for a Director of Policy and Communications
who will manage advocacy, communications plans and provide
staff support for ASN's Public Policy Committee, Public
Information Committee and the Food and Nutrition Science

Alliance (FANSA). This position will shortly be posted through
Human Resources of FASEB. With respect to development of
the ASN website, an in-house staff web team has been
established (Jennifer Morgan, Karen King, Lisa Routzahn and
Fred Spahr) and a professional web consulting firm has been
hired. The web upgrading will include a needs assessment for
infrastructure capacity so that future development of resources
such as live lecture web-casts, archiving of lectures and secure
sites for on-line review of awards applications can be
accommodated. To improve the outreach of ASN, target access
portals for the media and the public will be developed on the
website in addition to the members-only portals. Please check
our website frequently (www.asnutrition.org) to view the
enhancements and send us any ideas or feedback. The two
excellent publications of our Society, *The American Journal of
Clinical Nutrition (AJCN)* and *The Journal of Nutrition (JN)*,
remain key portals for communication of research advances
in nutrition. Together the Editors and staff are collaborating
on a combined Publications Management Committee,
facilitating outreach to members and the media with e-alerts
of journal contents and highlights of articles, and developing
means for knowledge translation such as the Controversy
articles and CMEs being published in *AJCN*. I heartily
congratulate and thank our Editors Charles Halstead and
Catharine Ross and their staffs for the dedication and excellence
they bring to our Society's journals. (Dr. Halsted will complete
his term as editor of *AJCN* in 2007 and thus the process for
selection of a new editor has begun.)

The ASN awards committee structure has been changed to
streamline the process. Awards from the former 3 societies
have been organized into five categories with teams of
nominating committees invited to participate for each category.
Included in the *Mainly for Members* section of this issue of
Nutrition Notes are the new categories of awards for which
nominations are sought. Criteria for all the awards and
additional award information will be found in the **Invitation
for Nominations for 2007** published in the August issues of
The Journal of Nutrition and *The American Journal of Clinical
Nutrition*. The date of submission for nominations for the 2007
awards is now **October 2, 2006**.

For all Committees within the new ASN, the composition of
members will reflect the diversity of our unified membership.
An Operations Manual is under development to help guide the
functioning of all committees. Each Committee will have a
member of the Executive Board as a liaison for consultation
and a staff person to provide support. The goal is to foster the
effective operation of our committees by simplifying the lines
of communication and increasing the support systems.

So that is my "snapshot" of new directions for ASN. An
effective professional society is dependent on strong
membership – the criteria for which are professional excellence
and accomplishments, participation in society business and of
course, a critical mass of members. In my view, ASN is rich in
the first two criteria. But we must prove the value added of
the Society to attract and maintain new members. With the
goals outlined above, we are on track to elevate the visibility
of ASN and provide valuable assets for the benefit of members
and the public at large. I look forward to working with all of
you in fulfilling this vision.

Please keep in touch (satkins@mcmaster.ca) with your
ideas and feedback as we engage together in the continued
creation of ASN.

Stephanie Atkinson

MAINLY FOR MEMBERS



ASN New Interim Executive

Frederick T. Spahr, Ph.D., joined ASN in mid-April as Interim Executive Officer..“interim” between the retirement of Dr. Richard Allison and the start of a new Executive Officer expected to occur in late Summer or early Fall. Dr. Spahr (or “Fred”as he prefers to be called) served many years as an association executive most notably as the Executive Director of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. There he assisted the volunteer leaders and members as well as staff in initiating strategic planning processes, increasing revenue sources and building a reserve fund, growing the membership base, adding programs of value to members, changing the office culture, and enhancing the diversity of both the members and staff.

Fred also has a history of involvement with the association executives’ communities. He served as Chairman, Board of Directors for the Greater Washington Society of Association Executives and served on the Board of Directors for the American Society of Association Executives. Both organizations recognized his contributions in association management by conferring their highest awards. Currently, Fred tutors students through the Literacy Council of Montgomery County (MD) and serves on its Board of Directors.

Fred told *Nutrition Notes*, “I am very pleased to be part of such a fine association as the American Society for Nutrition. Both the members and the staff have been very welcoming and their support has made this transition that much easier.” Also, Fred noted that the Executive Board has asked him to focus on 5 objectives: (1) ensure the unification of staff and programs from 3 societies to one...the ASN; (2) explore options for staff office space that will bring all Bethesda-based staff into one office environment; (3) reconfigure the website to enhance it’s benefit to members by increasing information contained on the website and increasing ease of access as well as by recommending future web applications for professional development and career opportunities; (4) compile policy and procedure manuals especially for the annual *EB* meeting and committees; and, (5) assist the Search Committee and Executive Board in their efforts to hire a new Executive Officer.

Fred notes, “The goals laid out for me are certainly challenging. However, with volunteer leaders, members and staff working together, we can achieve much for the benefit of all. As a good friend often tells me ‘Nobody is as good as all of us.’ These are exciting times for ASN and the future that it holds. I’m pleased to be offered this opportunity to serve you.”

Welcome Aboard, Fred!

Information relating to the submission of ASN Symposia proposals for *EB 2008* in San Diego, CA may be found at: www.asnutrition.org/EB2008.pdf

New Awards Structure

The new structure for the ASN awards process will include the following categories of awards:

Young Investigator Awards:

Peter Reeds Memorial Young Investigator Award
Mead Johnson Award
Bio-Serv Award in Experimental Animal Nutrition
Vernon Young International Award for Amino Acid Research
ELR Stokstad Award
Norman Kretchmer Award

Senior Investigator Awards:

Osborne and Mendel Award
Centrum Center for Nutrition Award
EV McCollum Award
EV McCollum International Lectureship in Nutrition
Robert H Herman Memorial Award
Kellogg Prize for International Nutrition
David Kritchevsky Career Achievement Award in Nutrition

Public Policy/Public Information Awards:

Conrad A Elvehjem Award for Public Service in Nutrition
The Nutrition Science Journalism Award

Education/Mentoring Awards:

Dannon Institute Mentorship Award
Excellence in Nutrition Education Award
Roland L Weinsier Award for Excellence in Medical/Dental Nutrition Education

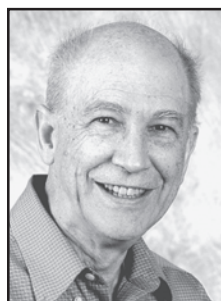
Fellows of ASN will continue to be selected by a committee of five.

Deadline for submission of nominations is October 2, 2006!!!!

ASN Recurring Deadlines

Material for the September issue of *Nutrition Notes* is due on August 1, 2006

EV McCollum International Lecturer Selected



Jean-Pierre Habicht, James Jamison Professor of Nutritional Epidemiology, Division of Nutritional Sciences, Savage Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca NY has been named the EV McCollum International Lecturer for 2006-2007. Dr Habicht will deliver his lecture for the first time at the 14th Latin American Congress on Nutrition of the Latin American Nutrition Society (SLAN). It will be held in Florianopolis, Brazil, in November 2006. He will then deliver his lecture at the Society’s annual meeting in Washington DC at the end of April in 2007.

Milton Sunde Award for 2006



At the ASN awards ceremony at EB2006, Milt Sunde presented to KE Webb and his collaborators at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg VA, the Milton L Sunde award which is given, for publication in *The Journal of Nutrition*, for outstanding experimental, applied or fundamental research in nutrition that uses an avian species. This award was presented for Dr Webb's and his collaborators' manuscript, *Dietary protein level and state of development affect expression*

of an intestinal peptide transporter (cPepT) in chickens. JN: 135(2); 193-198.

The Inaugural David Kritchevsky Career Award in Nutrition



On Sunday April 2, 2006, at *Experimental Biology 2006*, David Kritchevsky delivered his award lecture. Dr Kritchevsky is the first recipient of the award, named in his honor. Pictured above with Dr Kritchevsky is Barbara Lyle from Kraft Foods, the sponsor of this new award.

Call for Nominations

W.O. Atwater Memorial Lecture

The Agricultural Research Service, USDA's chief scientific agency, is seeking nominations for the 2007 W.O. Atwater Memorial Lectureship, which is co-sponsored by the American Society for Nutrition. The Lecture will be presented at the Experimental Biology meeting in Washington DC, April 28-May 2.

The Lectureship was established in 1968 to honor the memory of Wilbur Olin Atwater (1844-1907) and to recognize scientists who have made unique contributions to the nutrition of people around the world.

An honorarium of \$2,000, a medallion, and expenses to attend the meeting to present the Lecture are part of the award.

To nominate a person, send the candidate's CV and a letter explaining their contributions to nutrition to: Kim Kaplan, Lecture Coordinator, ARS Information Staff, Room 1-2253, 5601 Sunnyside Ave., Beltsville, MD 20705, phone 301-504-1637.

Deadline for nominations—October 27 (COB)
Current ARS employees are not eligible.

For all information concerning the ASN awards, watch for the **Invitation for Nominations 2007** which will be published in *The Journal of Nutrition* and in *The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition* in August, 2006.

POSITIONS

Assistant Professor in Applied Nutrition and Nutrigenomics.

The Department of Nutrition and Food Science, University of Maryland, invites applications for a 9.5-month, tenure track research/teaching position. Applicants must have a PhD in Nutrition or related research discipline. Status as a Registered Dietitian with practical clinical experience is desirable.

Responsibilities include: 1.) teaching undergraduate and graduate courses in clinical nutrition, nutritional assessment, advanced nutrition, and other related areas as needed; 2.) establishing an independent, innovative, competitively funded research program in the area of applied nutrition/nutrigenomics. A strong commitment to teaching at the undergraduate and graduate levels, the ability to obtain outside funding to support research and a demonstrated ability to publish high quality research results in peer-reviewed journals are essential elements of this position.

The scientist in this position is encouraged to develop interdisciplinary research with other faculty in the department and other campus units. Outstanding opportunities exist for collaboration with scientists at NIH, FDA and USDA offices which are located nearby.

The salary plus benefits package is very competitive. Applicants should send a statement of teaching and research interests and how they will extend and complement that of the current faculty, a complete CV, representative publications, official transcripts, and the contact information (mail, email, phone, fax) for 3 references to: Dr. Robert Jackson, Chair, Search and Screening Committee, Department of Nutrition and Food Science, 0112 Skinner Building, College Park, MD 20742. Applications will be accepted until a successful candidate is selected. For best consideration, apply by **June 15, 2006**. The University of Maryland is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer that strongly encourages applications from female and minority candidates.

Principal Scientist II - Nutritional Research, Collegeville, PA. One important accomplishment leads to another at Wyeth. We discover, develop, manufacture and market innovative medicines that are leading the way to a healthier world. Wyeth Nutrition is a world leader in the development and delivery of scientifically advanced nutritional products to infants and children. We currently seek an experienced scientist to support the **Wyeth Nutritional Research Division** and supervise a research laboratory that provides immunology, minerals analysis and pharmacology support for key projects involving bioactive elements in human milk.

RESPONSIBILITIES: Lead several key interdepartmental project teams; Coordinate a number of external collaborations and alliances with academic investigators; Direct a laboratory that provides fundamental preclinical research support to the Nutritional Research group for a variety of bioactive ingredients being considered for inclusion in Wyeth infant nutritional products; Supervise work in immunology and/or neurodevelopment of the neonate along with supervision of a minerals analysis laboratory.

REQUIREMENTS: Ph.D. in Nutrition or one of several nutrition related disciplines including biochemistry, cell biology or physiology; 5-8 years relevant post-doctoral experience; specialized knowledge in critical new product areas such as immunology and/or neurobiology; ability to apply sound, fundamental knowledge of nutrition, immunology and/or neurobiology as well as basic biochemical and molecular methods to laboratory research.

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Position #1: Vice President of Sales – 1659. EFL Associates has been retained to assist in the recruitment of a Vice President of Sales for our client; a science based ingredient Company that specializes as a manufacturer and marketer of all-natural and science-based raw material ingredients catering to the dietary and food supplement industry.

The Vice President-Sales will report to the President of the company and will initially be responsible, along with other members of the senior management team, to evaluate and structure the company's global strategic marketing/sales plan for success. This roadmap will confirm and prioritize appropriate sales channels in which to best launch the company's products which could include, but will not be limited to, network marketing, health food stores, and mass market channels. Furthermore, s/he will also identify distribution and channel partners that supply the best promise of success for the company in its formative stage. Following the adoption of the global strategic marketing/sales plan, the Vice President-Sales will be responsible for executing the plan and meeting all sales goals and objectives. Among other duties, the incumbent will be accountable for both sales activities of existing products and new product launch activities as new products are developed. As such, a major portion of the incumbent's duties will be to identify, build, and foster sustaining relationships with prospects and existing clients.

Desired skills: Bachelor's degree is preferred; minimum of ten to fifteen years of sales and sales management experience; background in dietary supplement or closely related industry is preferred; demonstrated track record of successful sales and sales management accomplishments; international experience in the sales environment preferred; experience creating, presenting, and executing strategic marketing/sales plans; experienced in regulatory affairs and activities involving the FDA and FTC issues; supervisory experience. Forward your resume to Leslie Weaver at: lweaver@eflassociates.com

Position #2: Director of Marketing – 1664. EFL Associates has been retained to assist in the recruitment of a Vice President of Sales for our client, a science based ingredient company that specializes as a manufacturer and marketer of all-natural and science-based raw material ingredients catering to the dietary and food supplement industry.

The Director of Marketing will report to the President of the company. This position is an individual contributor role with strong support and vendor management of a full-service marketing firm located in Salt Lake City, Utah. Primary responsibilities of the position will include communication and

assistance in executing a strategic marketing plan. In addition, s/he will be directly accountable for creating, with the help of outside vendors, classical marketing materials ("tools"), which will support the sales process. Brand management, traditional advertising, budget management, direct marketing, market research, new product launch and trade show activities are also a part of the responsibility portfolio.

Desired skills: Bachelor's degree in marketing or related field required; MBA preferred; minimum five to seven years experience emanating from a classical marketing background; experience in the dietary supplement industry or other closely related industry preferred; demonstrated success in developing and executing strategic marketing plans toward B2B channels; strong experience in understanding the research, branding and the nuances related to successful marketing; depth of experience in the marketing function including expertise in vendor management, collateral material design and production, marketing research, trade show execution, etc; experience in regulatory affairs and activities involving the FDA and FTC; exposure to product launches is strongly preferred. Forward your resume to Leslie Weaver at: lweaver@eflassociates.com

Position #3: Vice President of Technical Services – 1665. EFL Associates has been retained to assist in the recruitment of a Vice President of Sales for our client, a science based ingredient company that specializes as a manufacturer and marketer of all-natural and science-based raw material ingredients catering to the dietary and food supplement industry.

The Vice President of Technical Services will report to the President of the company and will be responsible for ongoing research of existing products, research and development of potential new products, technical presentations, training of existing and potential customers and the sales force, as well as development of technical information for marketing campaigns. S/he will effectively interact with all levels of decision makers and executives, as well as maintain an extensive network of high level contacts of technical, product development executives and key decision makers in the nutraceutical and dietary supplement industries. In addition, this individual will work closely with product formulators to develop a variety of finished product ideas for the inclusion and promotion of various company raw materials in new product formulations and applications.

The incumbent will be responsible for overseeing company research with outside consultants, but will employ additional technical support within the company as growth occurs. S/he will have accountability for establishing relationships with universities and research laboratories while at the same time staying abreast of emerging technologies within the dietary supplement, nutrition industry.

Desired Skills: Ph.D. degree in chemistry, microbiology, immunology, or one of the advanced sciences (an M.D. could be substituted or may supplement other credentials); ten to fifteen years experience in the pharmaceutical/nutraceutical fields; experience in new product development; strong technical and marketing writing skills; experience working with several industry sectors including the network marketing/direct sales and nutraceutical/dietary supplement manufacturing industries; experience working successfully with the FDA, FTC and other foreign regulatory authorities; experience delivering effective and persuasive public presentations; experience in vendor management (e.g., consultants, advisory panels, research, etc.); international experience and foreign language skills are optional but desirable. Forward your resume to Leslie Weaver at: lweaver@eflassociates.com

stability of the new society within a consolidated budget structure. This has provided significant savings in the current fiscal year, permitting both the implementation of new programs and the provision of operational funding for the activities of ASN's Committees, Research Interest Sections (RIS) and the Scientific Councils. The ASN membership recently completed its first successful vote to populate the three Scientific Councils established by ASN bylaws and elect the Chair of each Council who will be a representative on the ASN Executive Board.

In summary, the actions of the members of ASN have made it abundantly clear that the consolidation is working. We are delighted that the transition to a single society has been accomplished and look forward to its continued growth under the incoming President, Stephanie Atkinson.

Dennis Bier and Naomi Fukagawa

COMING EVENTS

2006

JULY

13-14 **AICR/WCRF International Research Conference on Food, Nutrition and Cancer**, Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D.C. Topics include Micronutrients, Lifestyle and Cancer Risk; Inflammation and Cancer Prevention; Epigenetics in Nutrition and Cancer; and Research on Cancer Survivorship. For more information visit <http://www.aicr.org/conference> or call 202-328-7744.

25-30 **Eighth International Symposium on Selenium in Biology and Medicine**. University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI. The deadline date for registration and for abstract submission is Tuesday, May 2, 2006. Additional information, and on-line Registration and Abstract Submission are available at: <http://www.union.wisc.edu/meetings/selenium/>

AUGUST

4-9 **Biannual Meeting of the Comparative Nutrition Society**, Keystone Resort & Conference Center in Keystone Colorado. Web:<http://www.cnsweb.org/> or contact Kirk C. Klasing: kcklasing@ucdavis.edu

14-17 **Mathematical Modeling in Nutrition and the Health Sciences**. Meeting location: Hotel Roanoke, Roanoke, VA For more information see <http://www.conted.vt.edu/mathmod/> or contact Terri Sadler; Center for Organizational and Technological Advancement, email: tsadler@vt.edu tel: 540-231-2008

OCTOBER

26-27 **Third International Conference & Exhibition on Polyphenols Applications in Food, Pharmaceutical and Cosmetic Industries. Malta (La Valette)**. For more information, please visit our website: <http://www.isanh.com> Or contact Dr Sandrine Rodriguez: polyphenols2006@wanadoo.fr

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1-5 **Experimental Biology 2007**. The Washington DC Convention Center.

RIS NEWS

There are presently 15 Research Interest Sections (RIS): <http://www.asnutrition.org> click on "committees" and then on "Research Interest Sections" of ASN providing a mechanism for member interaction with scientists of similar research interest. They also provide a way for members to become involved in *Experimental Biology* meeting programming of both symposia and minisymposia, through submitting (with help from your RIS) and selection (via your RIS program representative and your RIS minisymposium representative). Many of the RIS also provide travel and poster awards for their student members. If you have not yet signed up for ecommunities, you are missing the opportunity to be a card-carrying member of one or more RIS. ASN now works exclusively with ecommunities for membership in RIS, so even if a few years back you signed up for a RIS, please go to the ASN website www.asnutrition.org and sign up for ecommunities and your RIS(s) of choice. To sign up for eCommunities:

1. Click ASN Online on our Web site www.asnutrition.org
2. Login: member number (e.g., 19421) If you have a four-digit member number, please put a "0" in front of the four digits. Forgotten your member number/member ID call Katie, 301-634-7052 or email at: mem@asnutrition.org
3. Password: member number + your initials (EJ for Elizabeth Jeffery)
4. In Communities, select join group and set preferences (bottom right)
5. Click on subscribe for each RIS you wish to join (at no cost)

Contributed by Elizabeth Jeffery
ASN RIS Director thru May 31, 2006
Michelle McGuire, smcguire@wsu.edu
RIS Director, June 1, 2006

Welcome to the History of Nutrition RIS. History as a function of the nutrition society¹ had its beginning sixty-two years ago when *The Journal of Nutrition* began publishing biographical sketches of outstanding nutrition scientists. About 20 years later, *The Journal* appointed Neige Todhunter as the first biographical editor, recognizing the sketches as an official function, and five years after that she was appointed the first archivist for the society. In 1973 the society formed an *ad hoc* history committee, chaired by Harry G. Day and with the special charge of producing a written history of the society in recognition of the 50th anniversary. In 1976 the committee organized the first annual history of nutrition symposium, which was held at the annual meeting in Anaheim.² Thus, the "history of history" as an official function within the society is an important aspect of the society's history.

In the ensuing years, the History Committee has continued the practice of organizing an annual history symposium, of identifying subjects for *The Journal's* biographical sketches, and reviewing the status of the society's archives, which were established at Vanderbilt University in 1979. Over those years many society members participated on the committee, helping to carry out these activities, and forming an unofficial history *cadre*. The society has now determined that it's time for the History Committee to become a History Research Interest Section (RIS) and members of the former ASNS History Committee are acting as the founding members of the new ASN RIS for its first year of existence.

1 Swan, P.B. (2003) "The American Society for Nutritional Sciences (1979-2003): Years of Action and Change." *J. Nutr.* 133: 646-656.

2 Day, H.G. (1977) "Selected topics in history of nutrition: Introduction." *Fed. Proc.* 36: 1903-1904.

All members of the society who have an active interest in some aspect of the history of our science, or in the society's preservation of the history of our science, are strongly encouraged to go to the society's web site and join the History RIS. Remember you can be a member of as many RISs as you choose. Sign up today! Your active interest and participation in the work of this RIS will be warmly welcomed by the founding members.

Contributed by Pat Swan for the History RIS

Nutrition Education. Nutrition Education held the annual business meeting at *EB 2006* on April 1, 2006. Important issues discussed were the lack of funds and the need for leaders. The Chair-elect will not be serving in that capacity this year, thus Barbara Lohse (lohseb@psu.edu) agreed to serve a second term as chair and Shirley Gerrior was selected as chair-elect. The role of symposium submission and acceptance in addressing financial concerns was discussed. Members are interested in continuing to have nutrition education as a topic of presentation at *EB*, especially since many recent USDA grants have included a nutrition education component—these projects will need an appropriate presentation venue.

All ASN members who have a connection with nutrition education in their research or project participation are encouraged to join the Nutrition Education RIS and help include nutrition education in *EB* presentations in 2007.

Ideas for minisymposia at *EB 2007* were discussed and include food insecurity, instrument validation, theoretical modeling, nutrition education processes, and nutrition education about obesity prevention were among those listed. We welcome any other ideas or suggestions for minisymposia.

The Graduate Student Research Award was presented to L. Suzanne Goodell for her research entitled, *Parental Perceptions of Preschool Overweight: A Qualitative Examination*. Ms. Goodell, a graduate student in the Department of Nutritional Sciences at the University of Connecticut, is advised by Ann M Ferris, who is a co-author with Carolina M. Bravo and Michelle B Pierce. As announced in the May/June 2006 issue of *The Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*, this research team used focus groups and in-depth interviews to determine perceptions of preschool overweight among low-income parents from inner-city Hartford. For further information, L.Suzanne Goodell may be reached at suziehender78@yahoo.com.

Thanks to all members who attended the meeting and have assisted during the year by submitting abstracts and symposia proposals or reviewing abstracts and graduate student award applications. Your valuable involvement is greatly appreciated.

*Contributed by Barbara Lohse
Chair, Nutrition Education RIS*

Community and Public Health Nutrition (CPHN). The RIS business meeting that took place at the Argent Hotel in San Francisco on April 1st was very well attended. At this meeting the two winners of the CPHN RIS Young Investigator Travel Awards were recognized. Jodi Cahill from UT-Austin was recognized for her abstract "Eating Competency: Questionnaire development in a low-income postpartum population". Katie Kavanagh-Prochaska from UC Davis was recognized for her abstract "Educational intervention to modify bottle-feeding behaviors among formula feeding mothers in the WIC Program: Impact on infant formula intake, weight gain and fatness". Both doctoral students were presented with a certificate and each received a \$500 cash award. Both winners displayed their posters and interacted with the RIS membership. At the business meeting we discussed with the Nutrition Education

RIS the importance of proposing the development of a "Population" Council within ASN. As agreed at this meeting, a statement on this issue to be addressed to the ASN leadership is being discussed by Drs. Pérez-Escamilla (past chair) and Pelletier (Chair) in conjunction with the Nutrition Education and Epidemiology RISs, and with the International Nutrition Council. Our minisymposia, poster sessions and symposia were very well attended and feedback received has been very positive. Please send us your ideas for *EB2008* symposia. The executive committee will be happy to share with you examples of successful symposia. Please send information that you would like to share with the rest of the RIS to Sonya Jones (sjones@gwm.sc.edu).

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Chair, Community and Public Health Nutrition RIS*

Vitamin and Minerals (VMRIS). It was a pleasure serving as VMRIS Chair this past year. The current Chair-elect Maret Traber (Oregon State University) is our incoming Chair and she will assume her duties on June 1, 2006.

The Vitamin and Mineral RIS held its annual grad student/post-doc poster competition, reception, and business meeting on Saturday, April 1st in Argent Hotel, San Francisco, CA. It was a well-attended meeting and here are the highlights from this meeting. There were 25 poster entries, a huge increase from last year. The best Poster award was given to Matthew Rowling, Notre Dame University (\$500) and the second place award went to Nadine Tassabehji, Florida State University (\$300). In addition to the cash awards, they both received ribbons. All participants received certificates prepared kindly by Michael Dubick (U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research in Texas). The judges for poster competition were Vijaya Jaturu (Nutrition 21, Inc, Purchase, NY), Janos Zemleni (University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE), Lee Alekel (Iowa State University, Ames IA), and Brent Flickinger, (ADM, Decatur, IL). A special thanks to Wyeth Corporation for their generous contribution of \$1,000.

The following people were elected as officers for the 2006-2007 fiscal year: Chair-elect - Emily Ho, Oregon State University; Secretary/ Treasurer - James McClung, US Army; Student Representative - Kelly Williams, Iowa State University. VMRIS members were requested to begin planning for *EB08* symposia. If you would like the VMRIS to co-sponsor your session, we ask that you coordinate your submissions with the new RIS Chair and Chair-elect. In addition, we encourage experienced members to mentor new members in terms of writing successful symposia proposals.

I thank the outgoing officers Richard Cotter (Wyeth Consumer Health Care), and Amy Proulx (Iowa State University) for their valuable time and effort in ongoing RIS activities and welcome Maret Traber, currently chair-elect, as our new chair.

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Chair, Vitamin & Mineral RIS*

ISRHML/Human Milk and Lactation RIS. I would like to thank all of our RIS/ISRHML colleagues for their contributions in assuring an excellent scientific program at *Experimental Biology* this year. A special thanks is due to Lance Baumgard and Dan Sellen who co-chaired the minisymposium on Saturday and Mercedes de Onis and Cutberto Garza who were the chairs of the symposium on the new international growth standards. Further information about the growth standards has now been released and can be found at the WHO website <http://www.who.int/childgrowth/>. It is not too early to start thinking about *EB 2007*; please plan to submit your abstracts related to human milk and lactation to our RIS minisymposium. If

you are not yet a member of the RIS and are interested in human milk and lactation research, I invite you to join the RIS on the ASN web site (<http://www.asnutrition.org/> see "My Communities") or by contacting me. RIS membership allows you to communicate with the research community and receive pertinent information that is posted occasionally throughout the year. The research community is invited to attend the upcoming international meeting of the International Society for Research in Human Milk and Lactation (ISRHML) which will be at Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, Canada, September 22-26, 2006. This year's meeting will include sessions on the effect of maternal nutrient status on mammary gland gene expression and milk composition, a follow-up on the WHO growth standards, milk components and gene expression in the offspring, and the effect of milk components and early feeding pattern on long-term outcomes. Information on the scientific program and registration can be found at <http://www.isrhml.org.umu.se/>. Travel grants will be available.

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Chair, Human Milk and Lactation RIS

Nutrient-Gene Interaction (NGI) The Nutrient-Gene Interaction RIS held its annual business meeting on Saturday April 1 at 6:30 -7:00 pm in the Metropolitan II room of the Argent Hotel (ASN Headquarters). At the meeting, those Nutrient-Gene Interaction RIS members present voted unanimously to endorse the following format for election of the NGI-RIS leadership. Each year, the members will nominate and vote for a Chair-elect, who will automatically become the NGI-RIS Chair the following year. The Steering Committee for the NGI-RIS will consist of the Chair-elect, the Chair, and the outgoing Chair. This a format that is used successfully by other RIS groups and it provides for continuous organizational memory from year to year. Also, by serving as the Chair-elect for one year and working closely with the Chair for that year, the new Chair will have a clear understanding of the duties and opportunities as they assume the leadership role.

A recent vote by the entire NGI-RIS membership was held and Mitch Knutson, of the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition, The University of Florida, was chosen to be Chair for 2006-2007. Janos Zempleni, of the Department of Nutrition, University of Nebraska, was chosen as the Chair-elect.

Immediately after the business meeting in San Francisco, the NGI-RIS held its annual poster session. Once again this year, there was a great turnout of about 20 posters from both graduate students and post-doctoral fellows. The quality of the posters was terrific--making it a difficult task for the judges. The winners received a framed award and a cash prize, and we congratulate Corinth Auld (mentor: Dr. Ron F. Morrison), UNC-Greensboro; Tina Chung-Ting Han (mentor: Dr. David K.Y. Lei), University of Maryland; and Matthew Rowling (mentor: Dr. JoEllen Welsh), University of Notre Dame.

Remember, the NGI-RIS membership defines "nutrient-gene interactions" in the broadest sense. We want to encourage anyone interested in the influence of nutrition or specific nutrients on gene expression, RNA metabolism, protein synthesis/function/turnover, and other cellular functions, to log on to ASN-Online (www.asnutrition.org) and subscribe to the NGI-RIS group. Make sure that your electronic subscription to the NGI-RIS Group is functioning so that you receive our email notices throughout the year. Thank you for continuing to support the NGI-RIS.

I have truly enjoyed serving as the 2005-2006 NGI-RIS Chair, and look forward to working with the Chair and Chair-elect to

make the RIS even stronger. I want to thank everyone who has helped make the past year a successful one.

Contributed by Mike Kilberg, mkilberg@ufl.edu
2005-2006 NGI-RIS Chair

Nutritional Immunology. Dear Nutritional Immunology RIS members:

As your outgoing Chair I would like to thank the membership for an outstanding turnout at our events at *EB06*. We had full sessions and a capacity crowd for our poster competition and business meeting. Our incoming chair (June 1) is Chris Jolly from the University of Texas and our Chair-elect to begin June 1, 2007 is Kathy Hoag from Michigan State. I think the best way to summarize our activities of the past year and mention highlights for the upcoming year is to share the minutes of our business meeting with you all, below.

One final note: We do need to get together some good ideas for Symposia for *EB08*. I would suggest that anyone who has an idea get in touch with Chris Jolly or with me so that we can develop Symposium ideas earlier rather than later this year. I look forward to seeing you all at *EB07* in Washington, DC.

2005-2006 Nutritional Immunology RIS Business Meeting, April 1, 2006, The Argent Hotel, 5-7:30PM

The poster competition and social began at 5:00 and finished at 6:45 PM.

1. The business meeting called to order by Charles Stephensen at 6:45 PM
2. Sponsors for the student poster competition were acknowledged (Wyeth, represented by Paul Zimmer; Mead-Johnson, represented by Mike Ceddia; Dyets; Nestle-Purina; and Harlan-Teklad).
3. A brief financial report was given by Charles Stephensen. The RIS raised enough funds to cover this year's social and poster competition (which included pizza and pop).
4. *EB06* activities of interest to the membership were reviewed.
5. One symposium proposal has been submitted for *EB07* (Kate Claycombe and Simin Meydani; status not yet available).
6. Planning for *EB08* – A brief discussion of the importance of getting together good symposium proposals for *EB08*.
7. Simin Meydani reported that the FASEB 2007 Summer Symposium for Nutritional Immunology will be from July 28 to August 2, 2007 in Tucson, Arizona. Simin Meydani and Pam Fraker are the co-chairs.
8. Business from the floor – Charles Stephensen suggested that the RIS consider electing RIS chairs to 2 year terms. After discussion, Kathleen Hoag made a motion to increase the term for chair to 2 years, with additional one-year terms as Chair Elect and Past Chair. A new chair would be elected every two years. Thus the RIS would always have 2 officers, a Chair and Chair Elect in the year following an election and a Chair and Past Chair in the following year. The feeling was that the Chair position was pretty much a one-person job and that one year was needed to learn the position completely, with the second year being much easier. This motion passed without opposition to be instituted with the election of the next Chair Elect.
9. Nomination and Election of Chair Elect – Kathy Hoag was nominated and voted in without opposition. (Chris Jolly is the Chair for 2006-2007.)
10. The three winners of the Poster Competition were announced. They were Soonkyu Chung from the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, Sin (John) H. Gieng from Penn State and Melissa Marko from Tufts. Each received a lovely

one liter, Nalgene UC Davis water bottle (it's a dry heat, after all) and will receive a check for \$300.

11. The meeting was adjourned.

*Contributed by Charles Stephensen
RIS Chair, USDA-WHNRC at UC Davis*

Nutritional Epidemiology. *EB 2006* was a rich conference with many stimulating workshops, symposia, mini symposia and poster sessions. The Nutrition Epidemiology RIS mixer and business meeting was held on Saturday, April 1st, and included a graduate student poster competition. Congratulations to this year's winner Ying Gao from Cornell University. At the business meeting, and at various venues through out the conference, there was much discussion regarding the role of the RIS within the new ASN structure, and how that differed from the function of the councils. There was agreement that the RISs would continue to provide ideas on programming for future meetings and shape the scientific agenda of the society.

Many people may be unaware of the fact that the ideas about the scientific content of our meeting at *EB* originate from the members of the RISs. With that in mind, it is not too soon to be thinking about symposia ideas for *EB 2008*! I welcome your suggestions and proposals for future symposia and workshops. The process of getting a specific symposium is as follows. First, a topic is put forth and a proposal is written. The proposal is sent to the RIS chair who then submits it through the RIS to the program committee. Symposium proposals are usually due in January. The program committee considers all proposals, and then votes for those that they believe will be of broadest interest to the society. Let me know if you need assistance with the format for a symposium proposal or help putting one together.

The Nutrition Epidemiology RIS is composed of researchers with interests covering a diverse range of nutritional issues, populations, and health outcomes. Some of our common interests lie in the epidemiologic methods and approaches used to study the role in nutrition in health outcomes, and the methodological issues faced in nutritional assessment. We welcome new members and encourage you to become actively involved in the RIS. Over the summer we will be exchanging ideas about activities at *EB 2007* as well as the continuous needs of fund raising, and relationships with the various councils and the ASN. If you have not done so already, let me know if you would like to become more involved. heidi.kalkwarf@cchmc.org or 513-636-3803

*Contributed by Heidi Kalkwarf
Chair, Nutritional Epidemiology RIS*

Diet and Cancer. RIS group had a productive meeting on Sunday, April 2, 2006 at the Argent Hotel in San Francisco, CA. Thirty-four RIS members were in attendance. A highlight of this meeting is the state-of-the-art research being presented by graduate students and postdoctoral research associates. The Diet and Cancer RIS poster competition yielded awards for the following outstanding scientists-in-training: Elizabeth Clubbs (Ohio State University), Chung-Ting (Tina) Han (University of Maryland, College Park), Arpita Basu (University of California, Davis). All of the participants who presented their work deserve our thanks for a competitive and stimulating poster session.

Our meeting saw the introduction of two new RIS leaders and the beginning of one new initiative. Sonhee Park of the Coca Cola Company has agreed to serve a two year term as Secretary. Kirstie Canene-Adams (University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana) has joined the RIS leadership as our

graduate student member. We look forward to their leadership contributions! Collaborative discussions among members led to an agreement to pursue grant funding for a multidisciplinary meeting on highlighting basic, clinical and epidemiologic facets of dietary factors and cancer risk in a specific population. Led by Elvira de Mejia (Chair-Elect; University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana), this meeting concept and proposal effort will be developed with the input of RIS members. Faculty who have agreed to participate in this effort are: Josh Bomser (Ohio State University), Dan Gallaher (University of Minnesota), Norm Hord (Michigan State University) and Eva Maria Schmelz (Wayne State University).

We would like to thank Cindy Davis (National Cancer Institute) for providing a set of guidelines for the operation of the Research Interest Sections. We will be considering the components of these guidelines to adopt in our RIS. The members of the Diet and Cancer RIS express our thanks to Barbara Lyle, Program Manager of Kraft Foods Global Inc., for financial support of the Diet and Cancer RIS activities.

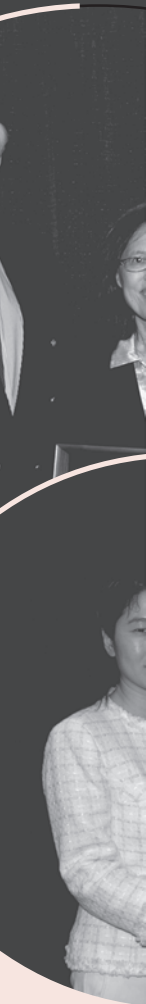
Do you have any exciting topics you would like to propose for symposia at *Experimental Biology, 2008*? Please let us know—we may be able to help facilitate proposal development, find collaborators among other RIS groups or help pursue funding. Contact Norm Hord (hord@msu.edu) or Elvira de Mejia (edemejia@uiuc.edu) with your symposium ideas.

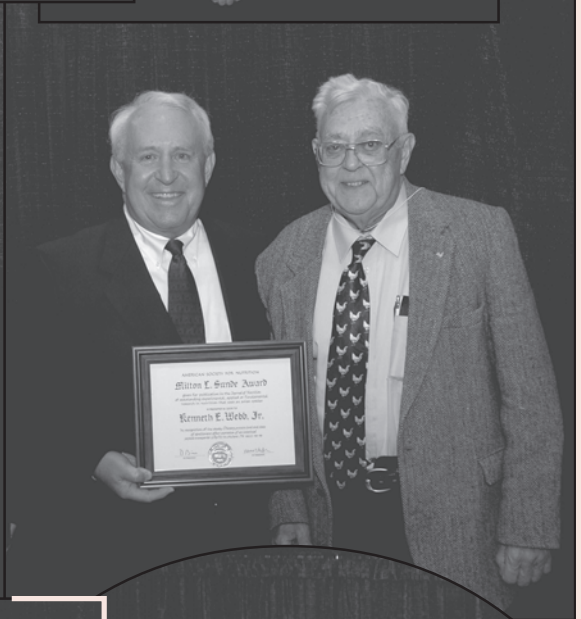
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Dietary Bioactive Components. *Experimental Biology* meetings were very busy for the **Dietary Bioactive Components RIS**. We had 5 minisymposia: Dietary Bioactive Compounds in Disease Prevention and/or Health; Fermented Food and Health Effects; Dietary Bioactive Compounds: Metabolism; Botanicals; and Dietary Bioactive Compounds: Molecular Targets. We also held a Special Session after the meeting on Needs/Opportunities for Bioactive Food Components Research. Anyone interested in chairing minisymposium please e-mail steering committee members. The current RIS Chair is Susan Percival (percival@ufl.edu), Cindy Davis is past chair and Josh Bomser was elected as chair-elect. Anna Keck was elected as secretary/treasurer and Satya Kolar as our student representative.

We would like to thank General Mills, Kellogg's, Kemin Foods, Kraft Foods, Mead Johnson Nutritionals, Natural Alternatives International, Nestle, Quaker Oats, Tischon, and Wyeth Consumer Healthcare as sponsor of the DBC RIS. Our student awards would not be possible without their generosity. We also appreciate Mark Failla's hard work in obtaining this funding. This year, we had 14 posters at *Experimental Biology*. We would like to thank our judges: John Wise (NAI), Carolyn Good (Kellogg's), Susanne Mertens (University of Florida), Mario Ferruzzi (Purdue University), Harold Seifried (NCI, NIH) and Craig Hadley (Mead-Johnson). The winners of the DBC RIS poster competition were awarded \$300.00 each. This year's winners are: Kirstie Canene-Adams, "Relative lycopene bioavailability from tomato powder, lycopene dissolved in oil, or commercial beadlets in rats", (University of Illinois); Satya Kolar, "Chemoprotective nutrients modulate intracellular calcium compartmentalization and store-operated channel entry to induce apoptosis", (Texas A&M); Tony Momma, "Oral intake of stereochemically pure (-)-epicatechin enhances endothelial function in humans", (University of California, Davis); and Kelly Walsh, "Digestive stability and transport of equol by Caco-2 cells" (Ohio State University). Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all our participants!

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Dietary Bioactive Components RIS*





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The Energy and Macronutrient Metabolism (EMM)-RIS

2006 Business Meeting Minutes.

1. Officer Elections. Election of the EMM-RIS Chair-Elect for 2006-2007 was held at our business meeting at *Experimental Biology* in San Francisco, CA. The officers for 2006-2007 are: **Chair:** Jill Bush (Assistant Professor of Human Performance, University of Houston, jbush@uh.edu); **Past Chair:** Tracy Anthony (Assistant Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Indiana University School of Medicine, tganthon@iupui.edu); **Chair-elect:** Wayne Campbell, Ph.D. (Associate Professor of Foods and Nutrition, Purdue University, campbellw@purdue.edu) Jill and Tracy will commence Chair and Past-Chair duties, respectively, starting in June 2006.

2. Membership and Steering Committee. The EMM RIS membership on ASN Online increased nearly 15% since April 2005. Let's keep this trend going: to all Regular Members: please encourage your students/trainees to join ASN and sign up for EMM RIS online! Our Steering Committee was acknowledged and sincere gratitude was expressed to all members for their roles in helping define the sessions and symposia at *EB2006* and for their assistance in judging our abstract competition.

2004-2006 Members (Term ending May 2006): Barbara Stoll (Baylor College of Medicine); Raja Elanjo (Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto); Dorothy Gietzen (Univ. California-Davis); Mike McIntosh (UNC-Greensboro); Josef Neu (Univ. Florida); Joshua Anthony (Mead Johnson Nutritionals); Margaret McNurlan (SUNY-Stony Brook)

2005-2007 Continuing Members: Malcolm Watford, Rutgers University; Wayne W. Campbell, Purdue University; Ming Fan, University of Guelph; Michele Doucette, Georgia State University; Sean Adams, USDA Human Nutrition Research Center at UC Davis; Martha H. Stipanuk, Cornell University; Daniel Tomé, Institut National Agronomique Paris Grignon; Sharon Donovan, University of Illinois

We welcome our **2006-2008 New Steering Committee Members:** Robert Bertolo, Memorial University of Newfoundland; Elisabet Borsheim, University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston; Douglas Burrin, Baylor College of Medicine; Jeffery Escobar, Virginia Tech University; Jung Han Kim, University of Tennessee at Knoxville; Manabu Nakamura, University of Illinois at Urbana; Gregory Paul, The Solae Company

3. Abstract Competition Winners. The EMM RIS abstract competition is growing! The number of travel awards was doubled this year to a total of 6, with 3 graduate students and 3 postdoctoral scholars each receiving a \$400 travel grant. Generous donations from our sponsors (**Mead Johnson, General Mills, Cambridge Isotope Laboratories, Isotech/Sigma-Aldrich, and Kraft Foods**) allowed for this increase, and we thank them most sincerely for supporting our RIS. The winners of our 2006 Abstract Competition are:

Graduate Students:

Jeremiah Winter, Penn State College of Medicine, "Leucine-induced signaling through mTOR is inhibited by 1-Butanol: A possible role for phospholipase D in leucine signaling." (Mentor-Leonard Jefferson)

Heidi Iglay, Purdue University, "Resistance training increases and protein intake does not influence skeletal muscle aPKC zeta/lambda content in older men and women." (Mentor-Wayne Campbell)

David Nelson, University of Wisconsin Madison, "Vagal afferents are essential for resection-induced intestinal growth in association with GLP-2-induced activation of vagal afferents in the nucleus tract solitary (NTS)." (Mentor-Denise Ney)

Post-Doctoral Scholars:

Helen Karakelides, Mayo Clinic, "Insulin resistance in aging – what causes it?" (Mentor-K. Sreekumaran Nair)

Asumthia Jeyapalan, Baylor College of Medicine, "Stimulation of muscle protein synthesis by glucose in neonates is AMP kinase independent." (Mentor-Teresa Davis)

Satoshi Fujita, University of Texas Medical Branch, "Effect of type 2 diabetes (T2DM) on muscle protein metabolism in older subjects." (Mentor-Elena Volpi)

Symposium Proposals Accepted for EB2007. We are pleased to announce that 2 symposium proposals submitted in January 2006 were accepted for programming at *EB2007*. More details on these to follow in the next *Nutrition Notes* update

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

Contributed by Tracy Anthony (Chair, tganthon@iupui.edu)
Jill Bush (Chair-Elect, jbush@uh.edu)

Student Interest Group. The Student Research Interest (RIS) group participated in another successful *Experimental Biology* meeting in San Francisco, CA in April. For the first time, the Student RIS organized a Career Symposium for graduate students and young professionals that featured representatives from academia, industry, and government. Speakers discussed the pros and cons of their respective job sector and discussed important issues to keep in mind when choosing a career path. The speakers that presented at the symposium were: Heidi Silver (Vanderbilt University; Research), Kelly Swanson (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Academia), Beth Carlton Tohill (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Government), Amy Mackey (Ross/Abbott Labs; Industry), Colin Kay (Penn State University; Post-doctoral experience), Stacey Mobley (Purdue University; Academia), Nancy Emenaker (National Cancer Institute; Grant Writing), and Sooja Kim (Center for Scientific Review). We extend our sincere thanks to the speakers, your input is invaluable.

The Student RIS also held their annual business meeting at the Student Breakfast at *EB* this year, sponsored by Dairy Management, Inc. During the breakfast graduate students had the opportunity to meet some of this year's Fellows inductees to ASN. This provided an excellent environment for students to discuss common research interests and perspectives with very prestigious members of our academic community. ASN Fellows who attended the breakfast included Donald Beitz (Iowa State University), Barbara Harland (Howard University), Harry Mersmann (Baylor College of Medicine), Gretel Pelto (Cornell University), and Robert Rucker (University of California, Davis CA). Several open positions for the ASNS Student RIS

Executive Committee were also announced. These positions will be elected and announced in June.

Congratulations to the current Executive Board of the Student RIS for another successful year!

*Contributed by Amy Griel
Med, Penn State University*

Experimental Animal Nutrition. Experimental Animal Nutrition RIS had a great mini-symposium and business meeting at the recent *EB'06* in San Francisco last month. The mini-symposium entitled, *Applications of Neonatal Pig Model*, was chaired by Tom Crenshaw and Ron Kincaid, and attracted more than 80 participants. It was most impressive that the mini-symposium led to a free discussion among 25 speakers and participants that lasted for more than one hour outside the conference room after the completion of the session. Attendance to the RIS business meeting was tripled compared with last year. At the meeting, we reached a consensus on the necessity of promoting our RIS activity and visibility in the newly formed American Society of Nutrition. Six RIS officers were elected: Chair: Xingen Lei, Past-Chair: Brian Larson, Vice Chair: Chad Stahl, Secretary: Sung Woo Kim, Treasurer: Kelly Swanson, and Scientific Programmer: Tom Crenshaw. An acting advisory committee was formed and the members include: Ron Ball, Don Beitz, Ron Kincaid, Forrest Nielsen, Jack, Odle, and Jerry Spears. We decided to start a graduate student/postdoctoral fellow poster competition session at *EB'07*, and discussed mini-symposium topics for *EB'07*. For more details on the business meeting, please refer to the minutes posted on the e-community on May 1, 2006. We are pleased that our RIS guideline is being developed by the officers, and a symposium proposal for *EB'07* from our RIS is under consideration by the Society program committee. We plan to form an industry advisory committee and welcome nominations. To support our graduate student/postdoctoral poster competition and symposium for next year, we are looking for generous donations from private sectors, individuals, and organizations. If you have any question or suggestion, please contact Xingen Lei (XL20@cornell.edu) or other RIS officers. Have a great summer.

*Contributed by Xingen Lei
Chair, Experimental Animal Nutrition RIS*

Mathematical Modeling. The Mathematical Modeling RIS held a modeling workshop at the *Experimental Biology* meeting in San Francisco. The session was well attended and was a great success. James Hargrove started the session with an excellent introduction to modeling. Mark Hannigan shared insights on amino acid metabolism in dairy cattle. Michael Green discussed the vitamin A system from the viewpoint of a modeler. Andrew Clifford demonstrated how modeling has elucidated key aspects of folate metabolism. Janet Novotny shared insights on carotenoid metabolism as revealed through mathematical modeling. And Meryl Wastney discussed the role of modeling in understanding calcium kinetics. Each talk was engaging and informative; many thanks to the speakers!

A mathematical modeling conference is scheduled for August 14-17, 2006, at Virginia Tech University. This is the ninth conference in the series entitled Mathematical Modeling in Experimental Nutrition and the Health Sciences. Historically these have been excellent conferences for facilitating exchange of ideas among modelers, both new and seasoned. The conference will begin with a two-day training workshop, followed by two days of presentations on the use of modeling in research. For more details, visit the website <http://www.conted.vt.edu/mathmod/>.

In June Michael Green will assume the office of Chair of the Mathematical Modeling RIS. Dr. Green has extensive experience in modeling, and I'm confident that he will lead the RIS in exciting new directions. I've enjoyed serving as Chair for these past three years, and I look forward to watching the RIS continue to grow.

*Contributed by Janet Novotny
Chair, Mathematical Modeling RIS*

DATELINES

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

From Mexico... **Roxana Valdes-Ramos** of the Autonomous University of the State of Mexico in Toluca presented a talk on the topic of "fat consumption in MesoAmerica: findings from the Concordance project" at the 6th International Conference on Dietary Assessment Methods in Denmark. In April, **Fernando Viteri, Homero Martinez, Esther Casanueva, Juan Rivera** and Hector Bourges presented a seminar on a joint session between the Mexican National Academy of Medicine and Mexican Academy of Pediatrics, focused on childhood anemia, calling for a more decided action of the academic sector in preventing this prevalent deficiency. In May, **Homero Martinez** joined RAND as senior international health researcher. He will be working on a number of projects in Africa, Asia and Latin America, focused on children's health and nutrition.

From Guatemala... **Neal Craft** of Craft Technologies visited CeSSIAM in April and generously delivered a "Crafti" portable field vitamin A analyzer as a resource for local work on vitamin A status and food fortification. He also provided a half-day working seminar to the staff members of the Center on the operation and procedures. Presenting results of field studies from Guatemala at the 6th International Conference on Dietary Assessment Methods in Copenhagen, Denmark were CeSSIAM summer exchange students, Marloes Kneppers and Iris Groeneveld, and staff members, Viki Alvarado and Gabriela Montenegro. **Noel Solomons** was in Basel, Switzerland in March, where he met with **Klaus Kraemer** and Martin Frigg of Task-Force Sight & Life on the planning of the Nutritional Anemia Workshop which will be held in September as a satellite pre Congress meeting in Barcelona, in conjunction with the First World Congress on Public Health Nutrition. **Michael Hambidge** of the University of Colorado visited Guatemala and the multiple projects involved with the NICHD Global Network. He delivered a talk on new approaches to complementary feeding with iron- and zinc-rich foods at the Universidad de San Carlos, and received Certificate of Recognition from the Program of Student Training of Faculty of Medicine of the University. Manolo Mazariegos presented a poster on the topic of "pregnancy loss among women enrolled in the preconceptional period and the feasibility of trials of intervention to promote improved fetal outcome" derived from the Global Network research at the Pediatric Academic Societies meetings in San Francisco.

From Colombia... In April, Helena Pachon joined the Senior Staff at the International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT) in Cali, Colombia. She will be working on a biofortification project focused on key crops for Latin America.

From Brazil: The 14th Latin American Congress on Nutrition of the Latin American Nutrition Society (SLAN) will be held in Florianopolis, Brazil, in November 2006. The IV Latin American Training Workshop for Future Leaders will be held in conjunction

with the Congress as a pre-meeting satellite event at the same venue. Information for both events can be found on the website: www.slanbrasil.org

Information for Dateline Latin America and the Caribbean should be sent to **Homero Martinez**, Investigator, Cardenales No 76 Aguilas, Mexico City, DF, Mexico 01710; FAX: +525 761 0952; email: homero@solar.sar.net

Dateline Canada ... with Gordon Zello

From the University of Saskatchewan... **Susan Whiting** sat on the Steering Committee for the North American Conference on UV, Vitamin D and Health (March 2006); **she** continues on the committee as it develops new sun safety messages. **Dr. Whiting** was also a member of the Program Committee for the Thirteenth Workshop on Vitamin D in Victoria, BC (April 2006), where she spoke on "Vitamin D intakes in North America and Asia-Pacific countries are not sufficient to prevent vitamin D insufficiency". **Gordon Zello** has been promoted to professor and Carol Henry has been granted tenure in the College of Pharmacy and Nutrition. **Dr. Zello** will begin a year long sabbatical in July.

From the University of Manitoba... Peter Jones has joined the University of Manitoba as Director of the Richardson Centre for Functional Foods and Nutraceuticals (RCFFN). Dr. Jones is cross-appointed in the Departments of Food Science and Human Nutritional Sciences. **Harold Aukema** is currently Acting Department Head of Human Nutritional Sciences. **Dr. Aukema** gave two invited presentations last October, "Flax oil in animal models of kidney disease" at the Symposium on Omega-3 Fatty Acids: From Bench to Bedside in Guelph, and "Effects of maternal nutrition on disease in offspring with hereditary kidney disease" in the Department of Pediatrics, Feinberg School of Medicine, Northwestern University, Chicago.

From the University of Guelph... The 2006 Campbell Lecture was held on March 21, 2006. **Robert Heaney** (Professor, Osteoporosis Research Center, Creighton University, Nebraska) and Helen Bishop MacDonald (Chair, Dietitians of Canada) spoke on the topic of "Dairy and Human Health: Emerging Trends". The annual Campbell Lecture was created to encourage the dissemination of knowledge related to nutrition education and public health. Andrea Buchholz of the Department of Family Relations and Applied Nutrition received funds to establish a human body composition and energy metabolism laboratory. It will be the only facility in Ontario, and one of only a handful of facilities in Canada, capable of measuring fat mass and fat-free mass and energy metabolism in a "one-stop shopping" fashion. "Nutrition: A Functional Approach" Canadian Edition, by **Thompson, Manore** and Sheeshka has been published by Pearson Education Canada. The Canadian edition of this book, with Canadian content by Judy Sheeshka, features the research of some prominent Canadian nutrition researchers, including **Susan Whiting, Bruce Holub, Valerie Tarasuk** and **Stanley Zlotkin**.

From the University of Toronto... Vladimir Vuksan organized and chaired the 1st Indo-Canadian Workshop on Clinical Validation of Herbal Medicines and Functional Foods which took place at the National Botanical Research Institute, Government of India in Lucknow in February.

From McGill University... **Grace Marquis** has joined the School of Dietetics and Human Nutrition. Her area of expertise is in strategies to combat childhood malnutrition on breastfeeding practices. In addition to her active field sites in Ghana and Peru, she will develop new initiatives in to emphasize maternal and child nutrition in aboriginal communities and Canada's north. **Timothy Johns** was a keynote speaker at

the thematic roundtable "Biodiversity, Food and Agriculture" at the High Level Segment of the 8th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity in Curitiba, Brazil in March.

From the University of Prince Edward Island... Carolanne Nelson and Lori Weeks were granted tenure and Lori Weeks was promoted to Associate Professor. Debbie Maclellan graduated with her PhD from the University of Saskatchewan.

From Memorial University of Newfoundland... Sean Brosnan and **Margaret Brosnan** are enjoying their sabbatical at Baylor College, Houston, Texas. **Doug Burrin** from the USDA-ARS Children's Nutrition Research Center, Baylor College of Medicine was a visiting professor in the Department of Biochemistry.

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

*From the University of Graz, Austria ...*The 2nd Consortium Meeting of PREDICTIONS, a Specific Targeted Research Project (STREP) funded by the European Commission within Framework 6, was held in Heidelberg, Germany, on April 24-25. PREDICTIONS is the acronym for PREvention of Diabetic ComplicaTIONS and consists of a network of 7 European universities and 2 SMEs (<http://www.predictions-project.eu>). The main objective of the project coordinated by the University of Heidelberg, Germany, is to identify biomarkers associated with the risk to develop diabetic nephropathy, which is one of the most severe and life-threatening complications of diabetes mellitus. About 30% of patients with type 2 diabetes will eventually develop DN. Duration of diabetes as well as glycaemic and blood pressure control do not sufficiently explain the risk of developing DN. About 31 genes have been reported to possibly contribute to DN susceptibility. A major susceptibility gene was mapped to 18q and a sequence variant in the CNDP1 gene was identified to cause a 3-fold elevated risk of DN. On the proteomic level, protein modifications by advanced glycation end-products (AGEs) are known to be sufficient to cause DN. **Brigitte Winklhofer-Roob**, University of Graz, Austria, is contributing biomarkers of antioxidant status and oxidative stress covering lipid, protein and DNA oxidation. **Dr. Winklhofer-Roob** has recently been appointed Professor of Human Nutrition and Clinical Nutrition at the Institute of Molecular Biosciences, Faculty of Natural Sciences of the University of Graz, Austria. **She** is head of the Human Nutrition & Metabolism Research and Training Center (HNMRC), University of Graz, which is funded by the Zukunftsfonds of the Styrian Government (<http://hnmrc.uni-graz.at>). The mission of the HNMRC is translational research and education in human nutrition and clinical nutrition and metabolism. "You are what you eat" was the motto of the 1st International Symposium and Kick-off Meeting of the HNMRC Graz which took place on October 24-26, 2005, and covered a wide range of topics including "Nutrition Research and Education", "Preventive Nutrition", "Human Nutrition: Genes and beyond", "Clinical Nutrition", "Obesity, Diabetes and the Metabolic Syndrome", and "Vitamins and Trace elements". State-of-the-art lectures were delivered by Balz Frei and **Maret Traber**, Linus Pauling Institute/Oregon State University, Corvallis, on the "Role of diet in heart disease prevention" and "Vitamin E: the good, the bad, and the ugly", respectively, and **Eckhard Ziegler**, University of Iowa, on "Nutritional management of

the very low birth weight infant". **Hannelore Daniel**, Technical University of Munich, Germany, covered "Nutrient-gene interactions" and Fritz Spener, University of Graz, Austria, "The path of fatty acids from food to genes", Pedro Marques-Vidal, University of Lisbon, Portugal, "Nutritional epidemiology: food and risk of colorectal cancer", and Wilfred Druml, Vienna, Austria, "Nutrition in the critically ill" and **Brigitte Winkhofer-Roob**, University of Graz, "Biomarkers of nutritional exposure and oxidative stress in healthy aging: the VITAGE project". Véronique Braesco, INRA-Theix, France, focused on the question "Is human nutrition research differently managed in industry and academia?" and Anne de Looy, University of Plymouth, UK, focused on "Education and practice for our new nutritionists and dieticians" – to name only a few of around 50 invited speakers. Isabella Sundl, Ph.D. student at the University of Graz, was the winner of the HMMRC Casa Medica Poster Prize 2005. Information concerning the 2nd International Symposium in 2006 is coming soon on the HNMRC website (<http://hnmrc.uni-graz.at>). **Rudolf Zechner** at the Institute of Molecular Biosciences, University of Graz, Austria, and his team "*GOLD - Genomics of Lipid-associated Disorders*" (<http://gold.uni-graz.at>) discovered a novel triacylglycerol lipase named adipose triglyceride lipase (ATGL) in 2004 [Zimmermann et al., *Science*, 2004, 306:1383-1386]. They now showed that ATGL is rate limiting in the catabolism of cellular fat depots: ATGL knock-out mice have increased adipose tissue mass and suffer from widespread build-up of fat in tissues throughout their bodies, causing cardiac dysfunction and premature death. The reduced availability of ATGL-derived free fatty acids leads to increased glucose utilisation and increased insulin sensitivity of the cold sensitive animals [Haemmerle et al., *Science*, 2006, 312:734-737]. It was demonstrated that ATGL requires activation by CGI-58, stimulating triacylglycerol activity of ATGL up to 20-fold [Lass et al., *Cell Metabolism*, 2006, 3:309-319]. Mutations in the human CGI-58 gene are associated with Chanarin-Dorfman Syndrome (CDS), a rare genetic disease characterized by excessive triacylglycerol accumulation in multiple tissues. These findings elucidate the mechanisms underlying normal lipid metabolism and regulation and have important implications for understanding increasingly common metabolic diseases, such as obesity and type 2 diabetes.

The "nutritionDay in European Hospital", the first cross-sectional audit on patient nutrition in European hospitals was held on January 19, 2006, with more than 15000 patients in more than 650 hospital units participating. The project was run simultaneously in 23 countries with questionnaires in 25 languages, to allow for every participant to use her/his mother tongue. This project is coordinated by Michael Hiesmayr and the "nutritionDay" Team in Vienna, Austria, and supported by the European Society for Clinical Nutrition and Metabolism (ESPEN), the Austrian Society of Clinical Nutrition (AKE) and the Medical University Vienna.

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Dateline North...Darlene Berryman

From Purdue University...At the 8th International Conference on Plasma Membrane Redox Systems and their role in Biological Stress and Disease in Szeged, Hungary, **Dorothy Morré** presented "Role of membrane redox in aging-related diseases." In February, **Wayne Campbell** was the invited speaker for

The Department of Human Nutrition seminar series at Ohio State University, Columbus, OH. Lecture topic: "Integrative Research in Nutrition, Fitness, and Aging." **Connie Weaver** was awarded the Sigma Xi Outstanding Researcher at Purdue for 2006. The **Avanelle Kirksey** Lecturer for 2006 was **Jean-Pierre Habicht**, Professor of Epidemiology, Nutritional Sciences, Cornell University. He presented "Childhood malnutrition kills: Scientific demonstration, persuasion and evolution of policy." **Carol Boushey** presented "Making Outcomes Research a Part of Dietetic Students' Education" to the Area V annual meeting of Dietetic Educator of Practitioners. The Interdepartmental Nutrition Program Seminar series for spring included these guest speakers: Floyd Chilton, Wake Forest University Health Sciences, who spoke on *The Role of Dietary Fatty Acids in the Prevention and Treatment of Human Inflammatory Disease*; Barbara Mayfield, Purdue University, who spoke on *An Emerging Initiative: Investigating and Promoting Family Mealtime*; Craig Thomas, Lilly Research Laboratories, who spoke on *Deciphering the Metabolome: Leveraging Metabolite Profiling in Nutritional, Toxicological and Drug Discovery Research*; **Steven Heymsfield**, Merck Pharmaceutical Company, who spoke on *Obesity Treatment: Recent Advances in Pharmacologic Management*; Volker Mai, University of Maryland School of Medicine, who spoke on *Diet, Gut Microflora and Carcinogenesis*; Barry Forman, City of Hope National Medical Center, Beckman Research Institute, who spoke on *Endogenous Ligands for Orphan Nuclear Receptors*; **Bruce Ames**, Children's Hospital Oakland Research Institute, who spoke on *Delaying (or Accelerating) the Mitochondrial Decay of Aging*.

From Indiana State University...**Rao Ivaturi** completed a final release of the Diet Planning Guides (DPG, Version 2.0) CD-ROM software application that allows users to create customized diet patterns and plans for various health conditions including diabetes, CAD, renal health, celiac disease, wasting syndrome, and many other diet modules. Information on the DPG application along with his earlier software, the Diet and Weight Analyst (DWA) software application can be obtained on <http://www.webdietitian.com>, a website that Rao Ivaturi created and launched at the ADA national meetings in Denver, CO, in October 2000.

From Iowa State University...**Diane Birt** presented "Optimizing botanical supplements for human health promotion" in March at the University of Florida Center for Nutritional Sciences, served on the Nebraska EPSCoR external review panel and presented "Strategies and mechanisms for colon cancer prevention by phenolics" in March, and chaired the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center Botanical Research Center Advisory Board in April. **Don Beitz** presented seminars in April in the Departments of Animal Science at the University of Minnesota and at Auburn University on "Contributions of animal products to health diets and what is CAST?" **Kris Bregendahl** presented "Nutritional strategies to reduce ammonia emissions from laying hens" at the Midwest Poultry Federation Convention in March. **Manju Reddy** presented "Role of plant ferritin in biofortification strategies to improve iron nutrition" at the International Conference on Biotechnology Approaches for Alleviating Malnutrition and Human Health in Bangalore India. **Dr. Reddy** also presented a talk on "Iron deficiency and excess: Why should we be concerned?" at Chalmers University of Technology in Gothenberg, Sweden.

From Michigan State University...Speakers at the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition Spring Seminar series included **Mohsen Meydani**, from Tufts University, who spoke on *Green Tea and Oatmeal for Breakfast*; **Kenneth Allen** and Jennifer Allen, from Colorado State University, who spoke on *DHA Enriched Functional Foods and Gestational Duration*; and

Eric Hentges, USDA, who spoke on the *USDA's Food Guidance System: Translating the Dietary Guidelines into Actionable Behaviors*. **Kate Claycombe** and **Kathy Hoag** co-chaired sessions on "Nutrient Modulation of Inflammatory Responses" and **Norman Hord** and **Jay Whelan**, University of Tennessee, co-chaired a session on "Molecular Targets in Diet and Cancer Prevention" at the ASN 2006 meeting in San Francisco, CA. **Denise Lackey** received an ASN Cargill Predoctoral Fellowship at the same meeting.

From Ohio State University... **Bill Weiss** received the Distinguished Senior Faculty Research Award at the Annual Research Conference of the Ohio Agriculture Research and Development Center. **Josh Bomser** was elected Chair-Elect of the Dietary Bioactive Components Research Interest Section at *EB'06*. **Josh** is completing his two year term as Secretary-Treasurer for this group. Sam Parthasarathy and his research team recently moved to OSU as Klassen Chair and Professor in the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery. **Martha Belury** gave an invited lecture, "Conjugated fatty acids: A unique group of dietary polyunsaturated fatty acids", at the Texas Dietetic Association's Annual Meeting, April 6-8, 2006, Houston, TX. **Steven Schwartz** attended the European Conference on Fat Soluble Vitamins in Jena, Germany, in March where he delivered an invited seminar titled "Bioavailability of Fat Soluble Carotenoids from Fruits and Vegetables". **Mark Failla** presented an invited lecture, "Insights about bioaccessibility and bioavailability of carotenoids gained from *in vitro* models", at the Bioavailability '06 Conference in Chiang Mai, Thailand in March. He also led a two day workshop on carotenoid bioavailability organized and hosted by OSU alumna Chureeporn Chitchumroonchokchai at the Institute of Nutrition, Mahidol University, in Salaya, Thailand. **Mark** also was hosted by OSU alumna **Chen-Jui (Jane) Chao**, School of Nutrition and Health Sciences at Taiwan Medical University, for a research seminar. Recent Visiting Scientists have included **Naima Moussa-Moustaid** ("The adipocyte renin-angiotensin system: Regulation and function in obesity and hypertension") and **Martin Ronis** ("Developmental exposure to soy protein isolate: potential health effects associated with feeding soy-based infant formulas").

From Ohio University... David H. Holben has been awarded a 2007 Fulbright Scholar Award. Dr. Holben will be Research Chair in Sustainability at Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada. Dr. Holben has also been awarded the 2006-2007 University Professor Award at Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, for teaching. Prisca Nemapare, CNS, CEO of Zienzele Foundation, is a College of Health and Human Services and Glidden Visiting Professor at Ohio University for the spring quarter. Her work surrounds HIV/AIDS orphans and their nutritional status. www.zienzele.org

From University of Illinois at Urbana... **Kelly Swanson** delivered the following three invited presentations: "Evaluation of a Prebiotic on Colonic Characteristics in Healthy Adult Humans", presented at Chicago GI Epithelium and Mucosa (GEM) Club Meeting, Chicago, IL, February 21, 2006; "Career Options in Nutritional Sciences: Academia", presented at the Career Symposium sponsored by the Student Interest Group of ASN at *Experimental Biology 2006*, San Francisco, CA, April 1, 2006; and "Using Genomic Biology to Study Brain Aging and Cognitive Function", presented at Alltech's 22nd Annual Feed Industry Symposium, Lexington, KY, April 24, 2006. He also was named to the Editorial Board of *Animal Feed Science and Technology* and was elected Treasurer of the Experimental Animal Nutrition RIS Group of ASN. The Division of Nutritional Sciences was pleased to host the following speakers in the 2006 Seminar Series: M.D. Salman (Colorado State University), Tim Van Deelen (University Wisconsin, Madison) and **Xingen Lei** (Cornell University). **William H. Dietz** (Centers for Disease

Control and Prevention, Atlanta, GA) was the keynote speaker at the Division of Nutritional Sciences' "Nutrition Symposium 2006", which was organized by the NS Graduate Student Association. **Dr. Dietz's** presentation was entitled "The Obesity Epidemic: Threats and Opportunities".

From Wayne State University... Peter Bodary, a Research Investigator in University of Michigan, has accepted the position as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Nutrition and Food Science, WSU. He will start his tenure in August, 2006. **Eva Schmelz** chaired a minisymposium "Molecular targets in diet and cancer" in the Annual *Experimental Biology* Meeting, San Francisco, CA 2006. **Ahmad Heydari** presented a seminar titled "Nutrition intervention and the molecular mechanisms of cancer: The role of base excision repair pathway." To the Department of Microbiology, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois in April, 2006.

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Dateline East...with Robert Jackson

From JIFSAN (University of Maryland/Food and Drug Administration Joint Institute for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition)... **David Lineback** retired as director on Sept. 30, 2005, and **Maureen Storey** was appointed Interim Director. In August, 2005, JIFSAN signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Korea Food and Drug Administration, and in March, 2006, JIFSAN and the Thai Ministry of Science and Technology officially signed an agreement of cooperation. Last fall Paul Mazzocchi, Associate Director of JIFSAN, participated in a panel presentation on training programs at a conference sponsored by the Food Safety Institute of the Americas. During March and April, 2006, JIFSAN organized a leadership training program for 19 government officials from the central government of China. On June 6-7, 2006, together with the Central Science Laboratory (CSL) in York, England, JIFSAN will convene a conference on *Quality Assurance in Food Safety - Networking of Laboratories*. For more information on this conference, visit the CSL web site (<http://www.csl.gov.uk/prodserv/ana/jifsan06.cfm>) JIFSAN continues to offer its Summer Integrated Program on Risk Analysis for mid-career professionals. To sign up for classes that begin June 12, go to: <http://www.jifsan.umd.edu/pd2006/index.cfm>

From the Center for Food, Nutrition and Agriculture Policy at the University of Maryland... **Maureen Storey** heads the newly-formed Center for Food, Nutrition, and Agriculture Policy (CFNAP) at the University of Maryland. The Center was formerly known as the Center for Food and Nutrition Policy at Virginia Tech. **Dr. Storey** spoke on "Food and Nutrition Policy in the U.S." at the 16th International HINS Symposium on Food Safety in Nanjing, China in February, 2006. **She** also spoke on "Omega-3 Fatty Acids and CVD" at BIO (Biotechnology Industry Organization) on April 9 and on "Consumer Perceptions of Fish and Health" at the Boston Seafood Show on March 12. **Dr. Storey** was a speaker at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Conference on Seafood and Health (Dec. 2005) and at the National Consumers League (Oct. 2005). Rich Forshee presented the results of a new risk assessment on incorporating Omega-3 fatty acids into the food supply through plant biotechnology at BIO on April 9. He spoke at the Society for Risk Analysis (December 2005) on using the risk analysis paradigm for addressing questions in nutrition policy. Dr. Forshee also participated in a panel at NAASO (October 2005), on "Is There A Unique Role of Beverage Consumption in

Promoting the Epidemic of Obesity? Examining the Evidence.” Late last year CFNAP held a conference on the benefits and risks of seafood consumption and launched a web site (www.realm Mercuryfacts.org) to provide timely scientific information to the public.

From the University of Maine Department of Food Science & Human Nutrition...**Mary Ellen Camire** is the recipient the 2006 Institute of Food Technologists Babcock-Hart Award for contributions to food technology that improve public health through nutrition or more nutritious food.

From New York University ...**Marion Nestle** spent the spring semester as a visiting professor of public policy, public health, and journalism at UC Berkeley teaching courses on food policy and politics and giving talks to many student and community groups. She was the recipient of the California Public Health Association-North 2006 “Bridging the Gap” Award for Excellence in Science and Public Policy Writing. Her new book, *What to Eat* (North Point Press), was released on May 2. **Domingo Pinero** presented a talk on Global Nutritional Challenges: Micronutrient Deficiencies at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro. **Domingo Pinero** and **Kristie Lancaster** served as chair and co-chair, respectively, of the Community Public Health Research Interest Section Minisymposium: “Diet, food availability, and health promotion in diverse communities” at *Experimental Biology* in San Francisco. **Beth Dixon** presented a talk on the historical perspective and evolution of dietary patterns research at a Workshop on Dietary Patterns Research at *Experimental Biology*.

From the Life Sciences Research Office, Inc. (LSRO) in Bethesda, MD...**Catherine J. Klein** was recognized with the Research Workshop Top Abstract Award by the American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition during Clinical Nutrition Week in Dallas, Texas on February 13, 2006. Her collaborators are **Forrest Nielsen** of USDA Grand Forks Human Nutrition Research Center, **Phylis B. Moser-Veillon** of the University of Maryland, and **Jim C. Smith** of LSRO. The title of her presentation was “Trace element loss following trauma and during continuous renal replacement therapy.”

From Rutgers University ...**John Worbey** is collaborating on a two-year project, titled “Mommy and Me from Birth to Three,” an infant obesity prevention program that will target new families in the central New Jersey area. The project is being supported by a Johnson & Johnson Community Health Care Program grant for \$150,000, awarded to the Central New Jersey Maternal Child Health Consortium. **Dr. Worbey** will serve as the chairperson of the program’s Advisory Committee. **Malcolm Watford** is currently on sabbatical leave until January 2007, working with Fatima Bosch at the Center for Animal Biotechnology and Gene Therapy of the Autonomous University of Barcelona, Spain. While in Barcelona, he also served as External Examiner for the doctoral thesis of Antonio Hidalgo Barrera, “Expression of Adiponectin in Skeletal Muscle: Effects on Insulin Resistance and Obesity”. **Dawn Brasaemle** delivered a lecture entitled “Lipid Droplet-Associated Proteins and the Control of Triacylglycerol Metabolism” at the 50th Deuel Conference on Lipids, in Monterey, CA, in March. **She** also visited Merck Research Laboratories in Rahway, NJ and presented a seminar entitled, “Lipid Droplet-Associated Proteins and the Control of Triacylglycerol Metabolism in January. **Sue Shapses** was the Symposium Organizer and Team Leader of the NJ Obesity Group – “Achieving and Maintaining a Healthy Weight: Physiology and Personal Experience” in February. The one-day seminar drew an audience of over 200 attendees. **Dr. Shapses** will speak on Body Weight and Menopausal Status Influence Trabecular and Cortical BMD, and Co-chair of Vitamin D session at the 6th International Symposium on Nutritional Aspects of

Osteoporosis, Lausanne, Switzerland, May 4-6, 2006. **Judith Storch** gave an invited seminar on “Cellular Lipid Transport: Mechanism and function” at the Ordway Research Institute in Albany, NY, in January. **Daniel Hoffman** received a Fulbright Award from the Fulbright Senior Specialists Program in Public/Global Health and will be a visiting scholar at the State University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil for July 2006. **Dr Hoffman** gave an invited seminar on “The Body Mass Index as a Measure of Physiological Capital: Uses in Developing Countries and Historical Cohorts” at the University of Chicago, Center for Population Economics, Chicago, IL. January 13. **Nurgul Fitzgerald** co-chaired a minisymposium titled “Community and Public Health Nutrition Interventions” at the *Experimental Biology 2006* conference in San Francisco, CA in April. **She** presented a poster titled, “Waist circumference modifies the relationship between ethnicity/race and type 2 diabetes among adults in the NHANES” at the *Experimental Biology 2006* conference, San Francisco, CA in April. **Nurgul** gave a presentation, “Nutrition knowledge, lifestyle behaviors, and diabetes care among Latinas in Connecticut,” at the *Experimental Biology 2006*, in San Francisco, CA in April. **She** was an invited speaker at the V. International Nutrition and Dietetics Congress in Ankara, Turkey in April. The topic of her talk was “Dietetics Profession in the USA”. **She** was also appointed to the editorial board of *The Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*. **Hans Fisher** was on sabbatical leave for the fall 2005 semester. He completed a major study on the efficacy of 5-hydroxy-L-tryptophan in conjunction with phentermine in reducing alcohol-induced withdrawal seizures and alcohol craving. The results just appeared in *Synapse* 59, 277-289 (2006). **He** also spent time developing a mouse model for testing antioxidants in the treatment of alcohol addiction.

From the Graduate Program in Nutrition at The Pennsylvania State University...**Barbara Lohse** visited the Lipid Clinic Endocrinology & Nutrition Service, Hospital Clínico in Barcelona, Spain to coordinate a project with Emilio Ros and Ramon Estruch for the PREDIMED study. **Catharine Ross** presented a talk at an NIH/NIAMS symposium held April 21, 2006, in honor of the 44-year career at NIH of Ellis S. Kempner, with whom she has had the opportunity to collaborate on biophysical studies of membrane-associated enzymes. **She** spoke on “The Predictive Power of Radiation Inactivation: Retinol Metabolism.” **Andrea Mastro** and collaborators, **Carol Gay** and Erwin Vogler, were awarded an Idea grant from the Army Medical and Materiel Command Breast Cancer Program to study a New *In Vitro* Model of Breast Cancer Metastasis to Bone. The award started in March and is for 3 years

From the University of Pennsylvania...**Stella Volpe** was asked to be an *ad hoc* member of the Scientific Advisory Board for the Cooper Institute, Dallas, Texas. She was also recently appointed an Associate Editor for the American College of Sports Medicine’s *Health and Fitness Journal*.

From The Center for Genetics, Nutrition and Health...**Artemis P. Simopoulos** gave a presentation on “n-3 PUFA and cardiovascular disease” at the “International Forum on n-3 PUFA” held in Rome, Italy, January 19-20, 2006. This meeting was organized by the Consorzio Mario Negri Sud. On January 20, 2006, **Dr. Simopoulos** chaired the first organizational meeting of the International Society of Nutrigenetics/Nutrigenomics (ISNN), Rome, Italy. A condensed version of **Dr. Simopoulos’** book *The Omega Diet* (HarperCollins, 1999) was printed in Persian and 600 copies were distributed at the “Heart & New Technology’ Congress in Ramsar, Iran, February 28 – March 3, 2006. In April, **she** spoke on “The Good Fat Diet: The Omega-3 Health Revolution” at the Virginia Dietetic Association’s annual meeting, Fair Oaks, Virginia. Following her presentation she had a book signing of *The Omega Diet*.

Dr. Simopoulos gave a presentation on "Evolutionary Aspects of Diet, The Omega-6/Omega-3 Ratio and Genetic Variation: Nutritional Implications for Chronic Diseases" at the Vth International Nutrition and Dietetics Congress, at the Hacettepe Cultural Center in Ankara, Turkey in April. In May she attended the Grand Opening of the Nutralite Health Institute's (NHI) Center for Optimal Health and (in March) the NHI Scientific Advisory Board Meeting in Buena Park, CA. **Dr. Simopoulos** cochaired with Sergio Muntoni the Workshop on "Intervention at the Population Level" during the XIV International Symposium on Atherosclerosis in Rome (in June), and gave a presentation on "Health Effects of a Mediterranean Diet: What is So Special About the Diet of Greece? The Scientific Evidence". **She** chaired the second organizational meeting of the International Society of Nutrigenetics/Nutrigenomics (ISNN) held in June in Rome.

From USDA's Beltsville Human Nutrition Research Center... In February, **Allison Yates** joined the Center as Director, having most recently served as Director of Nutritional Sciences for ENVIRON Health Sciences in Arlington, VA following a decade-long stint with the DRI project while director of the Food and Nutrition Board at the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies. In April, a number of Beltsville scientists participated in the Sixth International Conference on Dietary Assessment Methods held in Copenhagen, Denmark: **Elen Harris** presented a paper on the USDA/ARS Community Nutrition Mapping Project; **Alanna Moshfegh** presented an evaluation of nutrient intakes from NHANES 2001-2002 compared to the Dietary Reference Intakes; Joanne Holden reported on the prevalence of vitamin E and B12 in dietary supplements based on data from NHANES; and **Betty Perloff** presented their work on the AMPM (Automated Multi-Pass Method) instrument for food intake data collection. Also in April, **Joan Conway**, Beltsville scientist in the Diet and Human Performance Laboratory, gave one of the two keynote addresses on her research on the health benefits of barley at the Idaho Dietetic Association meeting in Idaho Falls, ID. Thomas Wang, scientist with the Phytonutrients Lab at BHNRC, presented a seminar at the Department of Biochemistry at Purdue University in April on his research on phytochemicals and cancer prevention: deciphering molecular signatures and mechanisms. Joanne Holden was invited to speak on new food composition data by the Portuguese National Institute of Health at their meeting in Lisbon in May. Gloria Solano-Aguilar, senior scientist and microbiologist with BHNRC, was invited to present her research on the effects of probiotics on immune response in neonatal pigs at the International Symposium on Probiotics in Mexico City in May. **Richard Anderson**, senior scientist at BHNRC, organized a session on "Zinc, Metabolic Syndrome, and Diabetes" with Anne-Marie Rouseil for the 9th Intl. Symposium on Metal Ions in Biology and Medicine, held in May in Lisbon, Portugal. In June, the **BHNRC Food Surveys Research Group** will hold a workshop with members of the STASYS Project, Bureau of Economic Analysis, ROSSTAT, to enhance food intake data collection methodologies of use in national surveys to be conducted within the Russian Federation. *The Scientist* ranked **USDA/ARS Beltsville** as #10 in *Best Places to Work 2006* for Postdocs among institutions in North America in their survey published in the March 2006 issue.

From the Departments of Nutrition and Food Science and Animal and Avian Sciences at the University of Maryland, College Park... In commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the University of Maryland and the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, the 33rd Mary Shorb Nutrition Lecture, a Minisymposium in Nutrient Trafficking was held on April 27, 2006. The Shorb lecture is held yearly to commemorate Mary Shorb's contribution to the discovery of Vitamin B12. Speakers at the one-day symposium included, **Ruma Banerjee**, University of Nebraska, who spoke on "Radical B12 Enzymes

and Their Escorts"; Craig Thompson, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, who spoke on the "Trafficking of Retinoids: Implications for Diverse Functions"; **A. Catherine Ross**, The Pennsylvania State University, who spoke on the "Trafficking of Retinoids: Implications for Diverse Functions" and **Richard Anderson**, The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, who was the keynote speaker and spoke on the "Cell Biology of Folate".

From the Department of Nutritional Sciences at the University of Connecticut... **Maria-Luz Fernandez** received separate awards for excellence in teaching and research: the University of Connecticut Agricultural and Natural Resources Alumni Association Excellence in Teaching Award; and the 2006 University of Connecticut Provost's Research Excellence Award. **Dr. Fernandez** also co-chaired two symposia at *Experimental Biology 2006* in San Francisco: "Diet and Lipoproteins" on April 2nd and "Lipid Transport" on April 3rd. **Rafael Perez-Escamilla** was promoted to Full Professor. **Dr. Perez-Escamilla** also received the 2006 University of Connecticut Provost's Diversity Award in recognition of his major scientific, teaching & training, and extension & outreach contributions in the fields of community nutrition and health disparities in the United States and in developing countries. **Dr. Escamilla** also chaired the symposium entitled "Evidence-based Public Nutrition: an Evolving Concept" on April 4th at *Experimental Biology 2006*. **Hedley Freake** was awarded the Vice Provost for Multicultural and International Affairs Award for Excellence in Diversity for his efforts to increase enrollment and retention of first-generation and historically underrepresented populations in the life sciences. **Nancy Rodriguez** presented "Protein Source and Skeletal Muscle Protein Utilization during Aging, Exercise, and Weight Loss" at the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Ranchers Association in San Antonio, TX on March 28th. **Dr. Rodriguez** also presented "The Role of Nutrition in Optimizing Strength and Conditioning Programs throughout the Lifespan" at the New England American College of Sports Medicine Spring Meeting in Fitchburg, MA on April 7th. Richard Bruno's research supporting the role of vitamin C in regeneration of vitamin E was highlighted in a commentary in the February 15th issue of *Free Radical Biology and Medicine*. **Steven Davis** co-chaired a symposium at *Experimental Biology 2006* entitled "B Vitamins, Methyl Metabolism and Vitamin C" on April 3rd. **Dr. Davis** was recently appointed to the ASN Membership Committee. The Nutritional Sciences Seminar Series for spring 2006 included four invited presentations: on March 16th **Bernhard Hennig** (University of Kentucky) presented "Nutrition and Environmental Pollutants: Implications in Atherosclerosis"; on March 16th **Donald McNamara** (Egg Nutrition Center) presented "Eggs in the Diet - Disease Risk or Health Benefit?"; on March 23rd **Coco Newton** (Lifetime Nutrition, LLC) presented "Nutrition as Functional Medicine"; and on April 27th **James Friel** (University of Manitoba) presented "Impact of Enteral Supplementation in Human Milk for Premature Infants on Lipid Oxidation and Redox Balance".

From the Division of Nutritional Sciences at Cornell University... **Patrick Stover**, **Edward Frongillo**, **Michael Latham** and **Purnima Menon** attended the 33rd Session of the United Nations Standing Committee on Nutrition in Geneva, Switzerland from March 13-17 2006. **Dr. Latham** was in Tanzania from March 1-12. This was mainly, together with **Deborah Ash**, to conduct follow-up examinations on Chole Island for the Danish supported Anemia Control Project there.

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Dateline Southeast...with Kathryn Kolasa

From Auburn University... **Don C. Beitz**, Professor of Animal Science & Biochemistry at Iowa State University and current President of CAST spoke April 28, 2006 at Auburn University/ Animal Sciences on the contributions of animal products to human health and "What is the Council of Agricultural Science and Technology." **Werner G. Bergen**, Professor of Biochemistry at Auburn University, presented a seminar on the regulation of lipid metabolism and recent studies in the fatty acid synthase knockout liver [FASKOL] animal model [pigs] at the Biology Department at Jackson State University, Jackson, MS, March 21, 2006.

From East Carolina University... **Kathryn Kolasa** presented Evidence based Strategies to promote healthy eating at the 3rd Annual Pediatric Healthy Weight Summit. March 2006, Greenville, NC and Nutrition for Primary Care at the American Academy of Family Physicians Board Review, Greensboro NC May 23.

From Emory University... **Thomas R. Ziegler**, Associate Professor of Medicine and Director of the Emory Center for Clinical and Molecular Nutrition, was recently awarded a \$3.3M grant from NIDDK entitled "Efficacy and Mechanisms of GLN Dipeptide in the SICU". The U01 grant funds a Phase III multicenter trial to examine the efficacy of glutamine dipeptide-supplemented parenteral nutrition on hospital mortality and infection in surgical ICU patients. The trial will be conducted at Emory and at Vanderbilt School of Medicine (site PI, **Gordon Jensen**), the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center (site PI, Paul Wischmeyer) and Miriam Hospital/Brown University (site PI, Harry Sax).

From the University of Alabama at Birmingham... **Doug Heimburger** will be on sabbatical from mid-July 2006 until mid-January 2007, on a Fulbright Fellowship in Lusaka, Zambia, working with UAB's HIV/AIDS research and treatment center, the Centre for Infectious Disease Research in Zambia and teaching at the University of Zambia School of Medicine. **Dr. Heimburger** will initiate research into nutritional variables that influence the response to antiretroviral therapy (ART) in patients with HIV/AIDS, particularly the high mortality rates in the first 1-3 months on ART.

From the University of Florida...**Bob Cousins** gave the leadoff lecture at the NIH's Workshop on Alcohol, Zinc, and the Immune System in Boston (May), moderated the Systems Biology Session at the IOM Food and Nutrition Board Workshop on Nutrigenomics and Beyond in Washington, and chaired the Annual Review of Nutrition Editorial Committee meeting in NYC (both in June). **Mitch Knutson** gave a lecture on macrophage iron metabolism at the NIH-sponsored Workshop on Anemias of Inflammation and Chronic Disease in May at Annapolis, MD. **Elaine Turner** received a Teacher Fellow award from the North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture (NACTA) at their annual meeting in June in Vancouver, Canada. At the same meeting, **Amanda Brown**, a nutritional sciences graduate student, received a Graduate Student Teaching Award.

From the University of Kentucky... **Bernhard Hennig** was invited to present a seminar at the University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut in February 2006. His talk was entitled "Nutrition and Environmental Pollutants: Implications in Atherosclerosis". He was also invited to present at the VII International Scientific Conference on Current and Future Challenges in Environmental Health, Toxicology, and Food Safety in Eastern and Central Europe in May 2006. His talk was entitled "Nutritional Modulation of Environmental Toxicity". **Howard Glauert** gave an invited talk entitled "Prevention of Hepatic Tumor Promotion by PCBs: Role of Dietary

Antioxidants" at the Brown Cancer Center, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY in April 2006. Purnima Wagh, a M.S. student, was the Student Paper Award Winner of the 2006 American Oil Chemists Society, Biotechnology Division. The Graduate Center for Nutritional Sciences held its Fifth Annual Symposium on "Oxidative Stress in Nutrition" supported by a NIH Training Grant on April 17. The nationally renowned speakers and their titles of presentations were: **Joseph Beckman**, the Linus Pauling Institute and the Oregon State University, "So much for antioxidants? NO and the radical view of life"; Larry Oberley, University of Iowa, "Therapeutic manipulation of the intracellular redox state"; **Nicolas Bazan**, Louisiana State University, "Novel cell survival signaling: Implications in stroke, retinal degenerations and Alzheimer's diseases"; **Robin Davisson**, University of Iowa, "Oxidative stress in the brain and cardiovascular disease"; and **Chandan Sen**, Ohio State University Comprehensive Wound Center, "New horizons in vitamin E neuroprotection". Kristopher Grimes, a pre-doctoral NIH fellow, also presented his research on "Targeting glycolysis for the radiosensitization of lung cancer" in the Symposium. In the Nutritional Sciences Spring Seminar Series, the invited speakers and their titles were: **Naima Moustaid-Moussa**, Department of Nutrition, the University of Tennessee, "Paracrine and endocrine functions of the adipocyte rennin angiotensin system in obesity and hypertension"; **David D'Alessio**, Albert Vontz Chair in Diabetes Research, the University of Cincinnati, "Effect of macronutrient content on weight loss and cardiovascular risk: Lessons from Atkins and the Mediterranean"; and **Thomas Gasiewicz**, Chair of the Department of Environmental Medicine, the University of Rochester, "Green tea components modulate actions of aryl hydrocarbon receptor and Hsp90: Novel mechanisms of anti-cancer activity".

From University of North Carolina, Greensboro...Ph.D. student, **Arion Kennedy** received a UNCF-MERCK Graduate Science Dissertation Fellowship (8/06 - 7/08) (mentor: **Michael McIntosh**). PhD students **Soonkyu Chung** (Mentor: **Michael McIntosh**) was a winner in the 2006 American Society of Nutrition (ASN) Nutritional Immunology and Corinith Auld (Mentor: **Ron Morrison**) was a winner in the Nutrient-Gene RIS Graduate Student Research Poster Competition *Experimental Biology 2006* in San Francisco, CA. Margaret Savoca was selected as a participant in the NIH Summer Institute on the Design and Conduct of Randomized Clinical Trials Involving Behavioral Interventions, July 9 through 21, 2006 in Alexandria, VA. **Ron Morrison** received the 2006 Mary Francis Stone Outstanding Teaching Award and **Keith Erikson** received the 2006 HES Early Career Research Excellence Award. PhD student, **Joel Anderson** (mentor: **Keith Erikson**) received the NTR outstanding Graduate Student Award. Paula Sisk (mentor: **Cheryl Lovelady**) was awarded the Outstanding Dissertation Award from the University for her dissertation "Lactation Counseling for Mothers of Very-Low-Birth Weight Infants: Effect on Maternal Anxiety, Infant Intake of Human Milk, and Infant Health in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit"

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

From Baylor College of Medicine...**Bill Wong** and **Richard Lewis** from the University of Georgia at Athens chaired the mini symposium "Soy and Potential Health Benefits" at the *Experimental Biology 2006* meeting in San Francisco. The

team of investigators: **Bill Wong, Francene Steinberg** (from the University of California at Davis); **Richard Lewis and Joan Fischer** (from the University of Georgia at Athens); Karen Konzelmann, **Sharon Robinson**, Mary Bielamowicz (from the Texas Cooperative Extension at Texas A&M University); Stephen Barnes (from the University of Alabama at Birmingham); and Ronald Young (from Baylor College of Medicine) from the USDA/CSREES funded project "Osteoporosis Prevention Using Soy (OPUS)" also visited and talked to the authors of the mini symposium poster session entitled "Soy, Metabolism and Health". Karen Konzelmann and **Bill Wong** organized and chaired the OPUS annual team meeting in San Francisco. The meeting was attended by Paula Amato (from Baylor College of Medicine), Ronald Young, **Sharon Robinson**, Mary Bielamowicz, **Francene Steinberg**, Michael Murray (from the Permanente Medical Group), **Richard Lewis, Joan Fischer**, Stephen Barnes, Helen Kim (from the University of Alabama at Birmingham), and **Susan Welsh and Etta Saltos** from the USDA CSREES.

From Kansas State University... George Wang and **Mark Haub** were promoted to Associate Professor and awarded tenure in the Department of Human Nutrition. **Denis M Medeiros** has been appointed Interim Associate Dean for Scholarship and Research at Kansas State University's College of Human Ecology and remains as Head of the Department of Human Nutrition.

From Texas A&M University... **Robert Chapkin** received the 2006 Sigma Xi Distinguished Scientist Award from the Texas A&M University Chapter. **Robert** also presented an invited talk entitled "Why are Omega -3 Fatty Acids Chemo-protective?" at the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Integrative Medicine Program Lecture Series in February. **Nancy Turner** co-edited a book with Bhimanagouda Patil, **Ed Miller** and Jennifer Brodbelt on the "Potential Health Benefits of Citrus" that will be available from Oxford University Press in July. **Nancy** also served on the February panel of the Chemo-Dietary Prevention (CDP) Study Section, National Cancer Institute, NIH. The Intercollegiate Faculty of Nutrition once again enjoyed an exciting series of seminar presentations this spring. The speakers included **Catherine Champagne** from the Pennington Biomedical Research Center; Charles Santerre from Purdue University; Yanan Tian from Texas A&M University; **Charles Surh** from Scripps University; Valerian Kagan from the University of Pittsburgh; **Michael Galyean** from Texas Tech University; **Michael Azain** from the University of Georgia; Luis Tedeschi from Texas A&M University; and **Kelly Tappenden** from the University of Illinois-Champaign/Urbana.

From the University of Nebraska-Lincoln... **Janos Zempleni** is the 2006 recipient of the Mead Johnson Award for Research in Nutrition from the American Society for Nutrition. **Janos** was honored at the Nutrition Awards Program at the *Experimental Biology 06* meeting in San Francisco. **Janos** also co-chaired a mini symposium on nutrient-gene interactions at *Experimental Biology*. **Nancy Lewis and Janos Zempleni** served as judges for graduate student poster award competitions by the Nutrition Education RIS and the Vitamin Mineral RIS, respectively, at the *Experimental Biology* meeting. **Nancy** chaired a mini symposium entitled "Cultural and Socioeconomic Challenges in Nutrition Education" in San Francisco. Nine students and staff members from the Department of Nutrition and Health Sciences presented their research in various sessions throughout the *Experimental Biology* meeting; they were joined by six faculty from the department. Julie Albrecht visited the Khujand Branch of the Technological University of Tajikistan (TUT) to evaluate progress on a U.S. State Department Partnership grant between UNL and TUT. **Janos Zempleni** presented a talk entitled "Molecular Responses to Biotin" at the NSF-EPSCoR Nutritional Genomics symposium in March sponsored by the University of Nebraska.

From the USDA/ARS Grand Forks Human Nutrition Research Center, Grand Forks, ND... **Gerald F. Combs, Jr.**, presented the seminar "Selenium and Cancer" during the South Dakota State University Nutrition Seminar, in Brookings, SD in March. **Dr. Combs** also presented the following talks: "Selenium Research at the Grand Forks Human Nutrition Research Center" to the East Grand Forks Senior Citizens Center on February 7, and "The Role of Federal Agencies in Addressing Health Research Needs" to the Grand Forks Rotary Club in April. **Curtiss Hunt** presented a seminar entitled "The Bricks (Calcium) or the Mortar (Everything Else): Which is More Important in a Healthy Bone?" in April. The presentation was part of the UND Medical School for the Public lecture series on "Aging from the Outside In." Faculty from the North Dakota State University Center for Nutrition and Pregnancy, Lawrence P. Reynolds, Joel Caton, **Kimberly Vonnahme** and **Anna Grazul-Bilaska**, presented the seminar "Developmental Programming Research at the Center for Nutrition and Pregnancy" at the Grand Forks Human Nutrition Research Center.

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