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ASN MEMBER ELECTED TO INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE

October 19, 2012—The American Society for Nutrition (ASN) is pleased to announce that one of its members, David B. Allison, PhD, has been elected to the Institute of Medicine (IOM), one of the highest honors in health and medicine. Established in 1970 by the National Academy of Sciences, IOM has become recognized as a national resource for independent, scientifically informed analysis and recommendations on health issues. Allison is Distinguished Professor, Quetelet Endowed Professor of Public Health, and Associate Dean for Science, School of Public Health, University of Alabama at Birmingham.

“I’m absolutely thrilled and feel deeply, deeply honoured,” said Dr. Allison. “Science is a wonderful calling and I am grateful to have been steadfastly supported in my pursuit of scientific inquiry by outstanding institutions, notably the NY Obesity Research Center at Columbia University early in my career and the University of Alabama at Birmingham since 2001. In the nutrition and obesity field, I have always tried to ask ‘where is the evidence for this or that popular belief?’ That has sometimes frustrated some people, but I am pleased that my colleagues have always stood by me. It is now a great pleasure to join the Institute of Medicine which also places such high value on free scientific inquiry and high standards of evidence.”

“ASN is always thrilled when our members are elected to the IOM and we couldn’t be more proud to see another colleague selected,” said ASN President Teresa A. Davis, PhD.

New members are elected by current active members through a highly selective process that recognizes individuals who have made major contributions to the advancement of the medical sciences, health care, and public health.

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