WHAT:

ASN SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS AND ANNUAL MEETING

WHEN:

APRIL 24-28, 2010

WHERE:

THE *NEW* ANAHEIM, CA!!

WHO?

ALL ASN MEMBERS AND MEMBERS OF EB PARTICIPATING SOCIETIES

WHY?

To hear and see the newest cutting edge nutrition research science; to socialize with each other; to network for future collaborations; to participate in cross disciplinary sessions with other participating societies: Physiology, Biochemistry, Anatomy, Pathology, and Pharmacology; to attend RIS events, Council meetings, Awards ceremonies and receptions, Business Meetings, Committee meetings, Career Resource events, student competitions, Educational sessions.

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President's Column

It's hard to believe that August is here already. The summers tend to go by too quickly. Things continue to go well for ASN and the days bring many more opportunities than problems.

Please mark your calendars for the John Beard Memorial Symposium. This will be held as a tribute to John's broad contributions to research in iron and nutrition. John was a wonderful colleague and friend and this is a great way to honor his memory. It will be held at Penn State University on Nov 2. There is no registration fee; for further information go to: http://www.hhdev.psu.edu/news/ironworks.html

I want to remind you of the upcoming International Congress of Nutrition in Bangkok, Thailand in October. Remember that ASN is the US adhering body for the congress. I know that many of our members will attend this meeting. John Courtney and I will be there and will be meeting with many other national nutrition organizations. I believe this will be a great opportunity for ASN to further international collaborations. More information is available at www.icn2009.com

I am personally looking forward to the ASN Spokesperson training coming up soon in Napa Valley. This training is delivered by Food Minds Inc. and it is a spectacular training program. We have very talented people lined up to train our spokespersons about how to be more effective in getting messages to people through the media.

I am happy to report that we received an endowment from General Mills for support of a new ASN award. More details about this award will follow. I think we can never have enough awards to honor our many talented members for their accomplishments and many thanks to General Mills.

The taskforce we established a couple of years ago with ASN, IFT and IFIC continues to move forward in a very positive way. This group continues to link nutrition scientists with food scientists and with those who communicate nutrition messages to the public. I am very excited about how this group may contribute to the implementation of the next round of dietary guidelines.

Under the direction of Rob Russell we have begun to plan the Presidential Symposia for our next annual meeting at *EB 2010.* I can tell you that you won't want to miss these sessions.

I want to encourage all of our student members to join a RIS. This is an excellent way to build ties with other researchers in your field. You can check out the list of RIS groups on the ASN website http://www.nutrition.org/about-asn/leadership/rises/

It's time to say goodbye to our summer interns. Many thanks to Christy Arndt, Nicole Silva, Alexandra Ortiz, Griff Courtney, Sophia Stellabotte, and Danielle Peregoy. We wish you good luck. Also I am happy to announce that Justin Braun has joined our ASN staff as our Corporate Development Manager. I wish you all a great rest of the summer.

James Hill

What's up with GPEC?

GPEC Expanding Calendar of Upcoming Education and Professional Development Events

Hello, ASN members. As the new Graduate and Professional Education Committee (GPEC) chair, I am happy to report that GPEC and its two subcommittees, the Sub-Committee For Professional Nutrition Education and the Sub-Committee for Continuing Medical Education, have been enthusiastic and productive these past couple months. In addition to building a more comprehensive funding opportunities page complete with RSS feed to update members, we're creating a slew of other upcoming education and professional development opportunities for you.

Upcoming Meetings. We recently had three symposia approved to be included in the 2010 ASN Annual Meeting at Experimental Biology: 1. Our annual Education Forum, which will be titled "Nutrition at the Forefront of Medical Education" and be conducted in partnership with the ASN Medical Nutrition Council, 2. A limited-attendance USMLE Test-Item Writing Workshop, and 3. A Women in Science and Medicine Symposium. Other proposals are in development to be submitted for the late-breaking deadline.

GPEC is also ramping up its support of symposia and education and professional development opportunities outside of the ASN Annual Meeting. ASN is actively pursuing and negotiating details with several other medical and scientific societies to deliver nutrition education. Some of the formats being discussed are webinars, videos, symposia tied to the partner society's annual meeting, standalone meetings, publications, online practice improvement modules and more.

We are also proud facilitators of a few other upcoming education and professional development meetings. ASN members are getting a special $100 registration rate (regularly $150), member registered dietitians get complimentary Continuing Professional Education credit and member physicians get complimentary Continuing Medical Education credit processing ($45 value) at Purdue's Symposium on Beverages and Health, September 17-19, in Indianapolis: https://www.cec.purdue.edu/ec2k/CourseListing.asp?master_id=2633&master_version=1&course_area=1364&course_number=108&course_subtitle=00 On October 24, ASN is funding a one-day invitation-only professional development event, "Rationale and Training for the Non-Physician, Doctorally Trained Medical Nutrition Specialist" in Washington, DC. The outcomes of this event will be presented in the form of an article and/or webinar.

Recent Surveys and Focus Groups. ASN conducted a survey of its physician members in July to see how ASN may deliver greater value to this membership segment. Opportunities such as partnering on symposia tied to other medical and scientific societies' annual meetings, other continuing medical education (CME) activities and a more targeted newsletter format are being considered as a result.

We are continuing to expand our outreach to serve you. ASN is still looking for focus group participants in select areas to get your feedback on education and professional development needs. We're looking for a variety of members (dietitians, physicians, postdocs, etc) with experience or knowledge in geriatric care, gastroenterology,

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menu development, nursing, pediatric care, physical activity guidelines, family care and chemistry.

GPEC is also looking to facilitate global health. We're looking to ramp up outreach/service to nutrition scientists and students from developing countries and we welcome your ideas about needs and opportunities.

If you are interested in helping us, we'll find a way for you to help. Contact me at ***rwood@nutrition.umass.edu*** or Ryan Cliche, ASN Education and Professional Development Manager at ***rcliche@nutrition.org*** to learn more.

Contributed by Richard Wood, GPEC Chair

Mainly for Members

John Beard's Memorial Symposium

Iron...Works: John Beard Memorial Symposium is a symposium to be held to honor the memory of Dr. John Beard, Distinguished Professor of Nutrition, as a tribute to his scientific contributions across the spectrum of iron nutrition. This one-day scientific symposium will cover recent advances and state of the science across the spectrum of translational iron biology, from the molecular regulation of iron metabolism to the functional consequences of iron deficiency on neurophysiology and cognition to international and domestic interventions and public health policy

Gold is for the mistress–silver for the maid–Copper for the craftsman cunning at his trade." Good!" said the Baron, sitting in his hall, "But Iron–Cold Iron–is master of them all." –Rudyard Kipling

Date, Time, and Location: Monday, November 2, 2009, 9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m., The Nittany Lion Inn, Penn State University Park PA. There is no registration fee for the symposium and luncheon. However, those who plan to attend should register by contacting Julie Brenneman at ***jqk7@psu.edu*** or 814-865-0108.

Lodging: A block of rooms has been reserved at the Nittany Lion Inn for anyone needing lodging November 1 and/or 2. Should you wish to stay at this location, please contact the Inn directly at 814-865-8500 and reference "JOHK09A" prior to October 2, 2009. Invited Speakers for the Scientific Program include: Elizabeth Theil (CHORI); James Connor (Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center); Sean Lynch (Eastern Virginia Medical School); Rebecca Stoltzfus (Cornell University); Laura Murray-Kolb (Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health/Penn State); Betsy Lozoff (University of Michigan)

Contact Information: For further program information, please contact Shannon Kelleher (***slk39@psu.edu***) or Jere Haas (***jdh12@cornell.edu***). Gifts are welcome. For information on gift giving, please use the following website: http://www.hhdev.psu.edu/news/ironworks.html

How to Submit an Application for a Symposium, Workshop, or Controversy Session at EB

Each year, we enjoy a number of high-quality scientific symposia at *EB*. These symposia, which are planned and sponsored by our own members, undergo a rigorous review process prior to being accepted. Many of our members have asked for more information about the submission and review process to improve the quality of their applications. As Chair of the Scientific Program Committee, I am pleased to provide a description of the submission and review process.

Each year, 22 to 28 symposia, workshops, controversy sessions, and special sessions are scheduled at the American Society for Nutrition (ASN) Annual Meeting. Applications for one of these sessions may be made by a Research Interest in Science (RIS) Group, an ASN Council, by an ASN Committee, or by a particular organization (e.g., the Food and Nutrition Board, the National Institutes of Health, or a specific Institute or Society). Individual members may also submit applications for one of these sessions. However, they are encouraged to obtain an endorsement of their application from at least one RIS Group or ASN Council.

The symposia sessions are two hours in length; one-hour controversy sessions or workshops can also be programmed. In general, symposium applications are submitted by a Chair and Co-Chair using the ASN template: http://www.nutrition.org/media/meetings/SymposiumWorkshopTemplate.pdf The applicants are encouraged to include the following information in their applications. A lack of justification or information is often one of the reasons an application is not approved.

- What is the symposium about? Summarize the overall theme and specific topics to be discussed. Reference new research that will be discussed.

- Why is this symposium important to the ASN members? Does the topic represent a new direction of research or a novel interpretation of previous research? What impact do the findings have for future research directions or development of nutrition programs and policies?

• Provide at least 3 learning objectives that describe what the attendees will learn during the symposium.

• Provide a detailed schedule for the 2-hr symposium that includes the specific times for each presentation, the title of the talk, and the speaker. Indicate if the speaker is confirmed or not. Please limit the number of speakers to 4 or 5; ideally each speaker should have sufficient time to give a scholarly, comprehensive review of their topic. The full-symposia are **not** a series of short 10-15 minute talks.

• Provide a budget and a plan for funding the symposia.

• Provide contact information for the chair, co-chair, and all of the speakers.

Symposium organizers are required to find funding for their session. They are also encouraged to consider publishing papers from their session either in the *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition* or the *Journal of Nutrition.*

Two calls for symposia, workshops, and controversy sessions occur for each Annual Meeting. The first is March 15th. Usually about 25-30 applications are received for each Annual Meeting; about 12-18 sessions are selected for the program from that initial set of applications. Requests for late-breaking symposia are due September 1st. The same template is used for late-breaking applications as for the initial set of applications. However, late-breaking applications need to address exciting, new topics of importance that have emerged within the past year. No more than 3 late-breaking symposia will be programmed.

All applications for symposia, workshops, controversy sessions, and special sessions undergo a review process. They are first reviewed and given a priority score by the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) that is composed of the Scientific Program Committee Chair, RIS Director/designee, RIS chair/alternate, and Chair of the ASN Graduate and Professional Education Committee (GPEC). SAC recommends about 14-18 sessions for programming to the Scientific Program Committee (SPC). The SPC is composed of the Chair, Past Chair, appointees from the 3 ASN Councils, the RIS Director, the GPEC Chair, and a member at large. The SPC selects the finalists for programming and prepares a schedule for the next *EB* meeting. The primary criteria for selecting symposia, workshops or controversy session applications include scientific quality, significance to the field, uniqueness (i.e., not recently programmed at an ASN meeting), potential interest to the membership, organization of the symposium, quality of speakers, and the budget plan and potential financial support.

If you have any questions about this process, please do not hesitate to contact me (***dburrin@bcm.tmc.edu***) or Anne Meyers, our ASN staff member (***ameyers@nutrition.org***).

Contributed by Doug Burrin
Scientific Program Committee Chair

McCormick Science Institute Provides Characterized Spices for Clinical Research

The McCormick Science Institute (MSI) is dedicated to helping advance scientific understanding of the potential human health benefits of culinary spices and herbs. As part of this mission, MSI is announcing the availability of characterized spices and herbs to qualified investigators performing human studies. This program is restricted to IRB-approved studies at credible universities or other research institutions that use the intact spices or herbs. *In vitro* research experiments that employ extracts of these materials and animal studies are ineligible to participate. The following samples are currently available for distribution free of charge: black pepper, cinnamon, cloves, cumin, ginger, nutmeg, oregano (Mediterranean and Mexican), paprika, red pepper, rosemary, sage, thyme and turmeric. These samples are maintained in nitrogen-purged sealed containers and are stored at -18º C. Analytical information on taxonomy, moisture, volatiles, ORAC value and select bioactive constituents is available. Additional information and the application form are available at http://www.mccormickscienceinstitute.org/content.cfm?ID=10513

History Committee. We are looking forward to *EB 2010* and the history symposium on the history of folate that is being organized by Barry Shane of UC-Berkeley. The history exhibit will feature items related to the symposium, as well as items related to the newly inventoried papers that William J. Darby left to the history of nutrition collection at the Vanderbilt University biomedical library.

Thanks to those of you who responded earlier with interest in serving on the history committee. We will be delighted to add new members! Any ASN member can indicate an interest in possible future membership on the history committee by sending an email message to Pat Swan (***pswan@iastate.edu***) at any time. We welcome suggestions for the history symposia and the history exhibits! Don't forget to attend both next spring in Anaheim.

Contributed by Pat Swan
for the History Committee

The abstract deadline for submission of papers for *EB2010* in Anaheim will be **November 4, 2009**. You will receive the *Call for Abstracts* around the same time as you receive this issue of *Nutrition Notes*. The abstract deadline has been posted to the FASEB website along with other relevant *EB* meeting information.

LINKS FOR LOTS!!!!

Information for the submission of symposia proposals for *EB2011* appears in this issue of Nutrition Notes [Remember that the deadline date has been extended to March 15, 2010]. See informational full page in this issue. On the ASN website you will find informational material as well as a template: http://www.nutrition.org/media/meetings/SymposiumWorkshopTemplate.pdf

Additionally, for a controversy session, dial up: http://www.nutrition.org/about-asn/leadership/rises/ for information on the RISs which you may wish to involve in the co-sponsorship of your proposal.

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

ATTENTION ALL ASN STUDENT MEMBERS

All student members of ASN are encouraged to join one or more of the Research Interest Sections (RIS). This is an excellent opportunity to build strong ties with other researchers in similar fields. Check out the list of RIS groups on the ASN website at: http://www.nutrition.org/about-asn/leadership/rises/ When you have made a selection, contact the RIS leader for additional information on the activities of the RIS and how to become a member.

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

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Material for the December 2009 *Nutrition Notes* is due on Novermber 1, 2009 [except where otherwise noted by several of the Dateline Editors].

Student submissions for the society's awards will be, again, managed on line [except for the International Council student prize] and will be due on the **deadline date** for submission of abstracts (November 4, 2009) or until the MIRA site closes.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS 2010 W.O. ATWATER MEMORIAL LECTURE

The Agricultural Research Service, USDA's chief scientific agency, is seeking nominations for the 2010 W.O. ATWATER MEMORIAL LECTURE, co-sponsored by the American Society for Nutrition. The Lecture will be presented at Experimental Biology 2010, in Anaheim, CA, April 24-28.

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 toward improving the diet and nutrition of people around the world. Atwater, considered the father of modern nutrition research and education, was the U.S. Department of Agriculture's first chief of nutrition investigations.

The Lecture is on a scientific trend or policy issue of the Lecturer's choice. An honorarium of $2,000, a medallion, and expenses 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, 301-504-1637. (It is strongly suggested nominations be sent by private mail service rather than USPS).

Deadline for nominations -- Nov. 5

Current ARS employees are not eligible for nomination

Awards, Grants, Fellowships

The ASN Strategic Oversight Committee, which serves in an advisory capacity to the ASN Executive Board, has identified awards outside of the ASN which may offer opportunities for society nominations. The Committee wishes to include them in this issue of the Notes hoping that members may have some suggestions for nominations. For most of these awards, the nomination will need to be fostered by the American Society for Nutrition and involve the ASN Executive Board.

KYOTO PRIZE. The Kyoto Prize is an international award to honor those who have contributed significantly to the scientific, cultural, and spiritual betterment of mankind. The Prize is presented annually in each of the following three categories: Advanced Technology, Basic Sciences, and Arts and Philosophy.. Laureates shall in principle be individuals (one person per category). However, in special cases a single Prize may be shared among more than one person. Selection is made without regard to nationality, race, sex, age, or religion. Each laureate is presented with a diploma, a 20K gold Kyoto Prize medal, and prize money of 50 million yen per category. Each Kyoto Prize category comprises four fields. The specific fields to be awarded in a given year are determined each year.

Fields within the three Kyoto Prize Categories:

Advanced Technology
- Electronics
- Biotechnology and Medical Technology
- Materials Science and Engineering
- Information Science

Basic Sciences
- Biological Sciences (Evolution, Behavior, Ecology, Environment
- Mathematical Sciences
- Earth and Planetary Sciences, Astronomy and Astrophysics
- Life Sciences (Molecular Biology, Cell Biology, Neurobiology

Arts and Philosophy
- Music
- Arts (Painting, Sculpture, Craft, Architecture, Design)
- Theater, Cinema
- Thought and Ethics

Candidates for the Kyoto Prize are nominated by official Kyoto Prize nominators, who are selected annually by the Inamori Foundation from among recognized domestic and international authorities. Selection of the laureates is conducted fairly and impartially by the Kyoto Prize Selection Organization, comprising three steps: a separate Kyoto Prize Selection Committee and Kyoto Prize Committee for each category, plus the Kyoto Prize Executive Committee. The Kyoto Prize laureates are announced each June; the Kyoto Prize presentation ceremony and related events are held in Kyoto, Japan, each November. Information to: INAMORI FOUNDATION, Address. 620 Suiginya-cho, Shimogyo-ku, Kyoto 600-8411; Tel: 075-353-7272 Fax: 075-353-7270; E-mail. ***comm@inamori-f.or.jp***

THE RANK PRIZE FUNDS were established in 1972 by the late Lord Rank to encourage a greater understanding of the sciences of nutrition and optoelectronics, two areas the British film pioneer believed would be of special interest to mankind. There are two Funds, the Nutrition Fund and the Optoelectronics Fund, encompassing the two sciences that reflect the business interests of the late Lord Rank through his connection with the flour milling and cinema and electronics industries.

Objectives and principal aims. The Funds have as their objectives the advancement and promotion for the public benefit of knowledge, education and learning in all or any of the following sciences: NUTRITION FUND (Human and Animal Nutrition and Crop Husbandry) Crop husbandry, Human nutrition, Animal nutrition (as distinct from animal husbandry); OPTOELECTRONICS FUND; The interface between optics and electronics and nearly related phenomena.

The way in which the Funds operate. The trustees are advised by two committees of eminent scientists and academics who, either directly, or through their extensive contacts, are fully aware of developments in the two areas of science with which the Funds are involved. The trustees make decisions based on the advice that they receive from the committees. The chairmen of the two committees are also trustees. UNSOLICITED APPEALS, FROM WHATEVER SOURCE, ARE NOT CONSIDERED. http://www.rankprize.org/

PAHO PRIZE. Philanthropic prize to remember that Latin American Children's health is a priority. El Premio Colsubsidio de Investigación en Pediatría is a biennial initiative begun in 1992 to promote and support scientific population studies focused on improving the health and social conditions of Colombian children. As a result of the initiative's success and of the great interest shown by many, the prize became international in 2000 and since then has been open to all of Central and South America. The projects are ranked by how well they were carried out and how effective they were. The top three divide a $20 000 prize. A private, nonprofit, social organization, Colsubsidio, provides

the prize and covers organizational expenses. Colsubsidio (Caja Colombiana de Subsidio Familiar) was founded in 1957 and currently has about 500, 000 members http://www.colsubsidio.com

WOLF PRIZE. The Wolf Prize is an international award that has been presented annually since 1978 to living scientists and artists for "achievements in the interest of mankind and friendly relations among peoples ... irrespective of nationality, race, colour, religion, sex or political views." The prize is awarded in Israel by the Wolf Foundation, founded by Dr. Ricardo Wolf, a German-born inventor and former Cuban ambassador to Israel. It is awarded in six fields: Agriculture, Chemistry, Mathematics, Medicine, Physics, and an Arts prize that rotates annually between architecture, music, painting and sculpture. Each prize consists of a diploma and US$100,000. The Wolf Prizes in physics and chemistry are often considered the most prestigious awards in those fields after the Nobel Prize. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wolf_Prize

WORLD FOOD PRIZE. The World Food Prize is the foremost international award recognizing -- without regard to race, religion, nationality, or political beliefs -- the achievements of individuals who have advanced human development by improving the quality, quantity or availability of food in the world. The Prize recognizes contributions in any field involved in the world food supply -- food and agriculture science and technology, manufacturing, marketing, nutrition, economics, poverty alleviation, political leadership and the social sciences.

The World Food Prize emphasizes the importance of a nutritious and sustainable food supply for all people. By honoring those who have worked successfully toward this goal, The Prize calls attention to what has been done to improve the world food supply and to what can be accomplished in the future. http://www.worldfoodprize.org/nominate/nominate.htm

THE DANONE INTERNATIONAL PRIZE FOR NUTRITION. Danone Institute International, a not-for-profit organization, organizes the Danone International Prize for Nutrition every 2 years with the support of the French "Fondation Recherche Médicale". Conceived to reward excellence, this Prize is given in the spirit of very distinguished prizes and recognizes individuals or teams that have developed novel concepts and advanced the frontiers of nutrition in either basic or applied research. Laureates are chosen after an independent, international and consultative selection procedure that guarantees transparency and objectivity. Laureates are awarded 120,000 Euro in recognition of research studies already published as well as to support future research. http://www.danoneinstitute.org/danone_institute_prize_for_nutrition/home.php

It is interesting to take a look at the history of these awards and recognize many of our members who have received them. Take a peek and then think about nominations.

Council News

International Nutrition Council (INC). Although it may seem that we just got back from *EB '09* New Orleans, it is time to begin to think about *EB '10* in Anaheim! The deadline for submitting abstracts is coming up soon [November 4, 2009], and I would like to urge all those who are developing abstracts that would be relevant to INC, to choose "International Nutrition" as the topic category for their abstract. In this manner, we can gather all the most relevant abstracts together and create the most diverse and interesting program for our members. Also I want to remind the membership that we need to be actively developing proposals for symposium for future *EB* meetings. I want to encourage INC members to submit proposals and I (***lcaulfie@jhsph.edu***) as well as other leaders of the INC are willing to help with the task. At our business meeting in New Orleans, several ideas were proposed, and I want to encourage those with ideas to move forward now. As always collaborations with other Councils and RISs are encouraged.

Contributed by Laura Caulfield
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Chair, International Nutrition Council

Medical Nutrition Council (MNC). The Council is preparing for its annual elections and likely by the time you receive this issue, you will have received your ballot for filling the vacancies on the MNC Executive Board of Drs Sachiko St Jeor, Douglas Heimburger, and Johanna Dwyer. We will publish the results of the election in our e-newsletter as well as in the next issue of *Nutrition Notes*. The Council is grateful to the three retiring members for their years of service which have seen any number of special efforts toward the development and chairing of the MNC sessions at *EB*; the consideration, along with GPEC, of potential programs to enhance medical nutrition education; their help in advising the ASN Executive Board of any new ways to improve the quality of the science at *EB* as well as planning additional medical nutrition education events at venues outside of *EB.*

To assess the physician member needs of ASN members, the MNC recently completed a survey. Ryan Cliche has summarized the results and if you

wish, you can contact him at: ***rcliche@nutrition.org***

The ASN Scientific Program committee has scheduled a series of clinical sessions on Saturday, April 24, 2010 and I encourage you to view them on our website at: www.nutrition.org click on 'meetings' and then on *EB2010* preliminary program. Our Council business meeting at *EB2010* will be planned in the near future and again, will be featured in our MNC on line newsletter.

I have attached the link to a recent interview with one of our clinical member- student bloggers. I happened to spend some time with him at the recent *EB* meeting as he was one of the Clinical Emerging Leader prize winners. His is a wonderful testament to the efforts of our society to address the needs of our future nutrition community of research leaders and teachers. http://www.nutrition.org/our-members/students/2009-student-bloggers/interview-with-student-blogger-matt-t/.) I welcome any of your comments or suggestions for this newsletter. Please email me at ***tzieg01@emory.edu***.

Contributed by Tom Ziegler, MNC Chair
Professor of Medicine
Emory University School of Medicine

Nutritional Sciences Council (NSC). At the end of June, the Nutritional Sciences Council met in Bethesda on the FASEB campus to brainstorm on current and future Council activities. The NSC Executive Committee felt that, along with participants from the RIS groups, Councils, Executive Board, Student Membership, and committees, the assistance of a consultant would help us to organize our ideas and set our goals for the future. Tim Fallon from TSI [the firm which helped ASN to develop **its** strategic map], helped to facilitate the day-long session and really steered us in an excellent direction. The experience was a huge success. We developed an NSC strategic map based upon the issues and goals the group set for the future. This map will be posted to the website along with a summary of the meeting before the start of the academic year. Also, as a result of the meeting and input from members, we went back to the drawing board and revised our mission statement and rewrote the description of the Nutritional Sciences Council to focus on our goals. Both of these will also be posted to the ASN website—to the NSC page.

Our elections have been set and by the time the *Notes* arrive to you, we will probably have filled our two vacancies, those of Jack Odle and Shirley Gerrior and, as well, elected two additional executive committee members, [newly created positions], one student and one post-doc.

Contributed by Susan Hutson, Chair
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RIS News

From the RIS Director

I would like to congratulate Shirley Gerrior for being elected the Director-elect for the Research Interest Sections (RIS). Shirley will take over the role of Director on June 1, 2010. The RISs represent ASN's strong commitment to facilitate and promote scientific exchange among ASN members who focus on specific topical areas. Last month the RIS chairs met for a retreat on the FASEB campus. This was a wonderful opportunity to brainstorm on ways to increase participation and communication among ASN RIS members throughout the year. One of the new resources is the ability to conduct webinars. The Nutrition Translation from Bench to Consumer RIS held the first webinar entitled *What the Consumer Will Want from Food in 2020: How can Nutrition Science Meet Those Needs* on July 28, 2009. An archived copy of the webinar can be found at: http://www.nutrition.org/education-and-professional-development/ The other RISs are thinking about topics- so please let the RIS chairs know your ideas/suggestions.

Membership in a RIS offers an opportunity to meet, interact and network with others in your interest area. However, the RIS groups can only reach their full potential if they have representation by ASN members who have different perspectives on the research topic. So, please join one or more RIS groups. Currently there are 16 RIS groups representing a wide variety of research interests including: Aging and Chronic Disease, Carotenoid Interactive Research Group (CARIG), Community and Public Health Nutrition, Diet and Cancer, Dietary Bioactive Components, Energy and Macronutrient Metabolism, Experimental Animal Nutrition, Lactation, Mathematical Modeling,

Nutrient-Gene Interactions, Nutrition Education, Nutrition Translation from Bench to Consumer; Nutritional Epidemiology, Nutritional Immunology, Obesity and Vitamins and Minerals.

Encourage your students, post-doctoral fellows and other trainees to join RIS groups. Not only will this give them an opportunity to interact with other scientists with similar research interests but it also gives them the opportunity to enter the student competitions. The RIS chairs are also looking at new leadership opportunities for post-docs and students in the RIS groups. Thus, this is a wonderful opportunity to jump start their professional careers. If you have any suggestions or comments, please feel free to contact me at ***davisci@mail.nih.gov***.

Contributed by Cindy Davis
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Obesity. The mission of the Obesity RIS is to: 1) promote young investigators; 2) contribute symposium proposals related to Obesity; 3) establish networks and collaborations with other organizations interest in obesity research. Special emphasis will include cell and molecular biology, integrative biology, clinical studies, population studies and clinical/professional practice.

If you are a member of the Obesity RIS check the listserv for postings and RIS information by the RIS Chair, Caroline Apovian. Should you wish to post an announcement please contact Dr Apovian at: ***caroline.apovian@bmc.org***

We want to hear from you. Email us with your thoughts on how we can make this a productive, worthwhile RIS that meets the needs of its members.

Aging and Chronic Disease (AGING). If you are a member of the Aging and Chronic Disease RIS check the listserv for postings and RIS information by the RIS Chair, Joe Sharkey. Should you wish to post an announcement please contact Dr Sharkey at: ***jrsharkey@srph.tamhsc.edu***

Lactation. I hope that everyone had a great summer and is ready for an exciting fall. It's not too soon to start thinking about your *EB* abstracts, which should be submitted by November 4, 2009 for *EB2010* (April 24-28, 2010, in Anaheim, CA). The Lactation RIS will have both a poster session and a mini-symposium, which Shelly McGuire and I will co-chair. At the RIS directors retreat, it was suggested that each RIS invite a post-doc/new investigator to serve as a 3rd person to help moderate the minisymposium. The idea is to create a training opportunity, where new investigators can observe and learn how to co-chair a session, with the hope that they will feel comfortable taking an even more active role in future meetings. So, if you know (or are) a post-doc who would like this opportunity, please contact me (***donna.chapman@uconn.edu***)

With travel funds being restricted in the current economy, the ISRHML travel awards are an important source of funding which can help to assure that qualified students get to present their research at *EB*. Graduate students and young investigators still in training and who are members of ISRHML are eligible to apply for several travel awards to the *EB2010* meeting. Applicants must be the first author on an abstract submitted for a Lactation *EB* 2010 minisymposium. More details on the travel award will be included in this section of the next issue of *Nutrition Notes.*

The next ISRHML meeting will be held in Lima, Peru in October 2010. The theme will be "Breastfeeding and the Nutrition Transition." Mary Penny (***mpenny@iin.sld.pe***) is chair of the local organizing committee and Rafael Pérez-Escamilla (***rafael.perez-escamilla@uconn.edu***) is chair of the program committee. Please contact them if you would like to assist with fund raising for the conference.

We are still seeking suggestions for upcoming Lactation Mini-symposium. Ardythe Morrow and Chessa Lutter will submit a late-breaking symposium proposal for *EB 2010* (due September 1, 2009) entitled "The Argument regarding Breastfeeding: Controversies Real or Imagined". We are looking for organizers for the *2011 EB* Lactation Symposia. If you would like to be involved in the planning of the 2011 symposium, please contact me (***donna.chapman@uconn.edu***) or Sharon Donovan (***sdonovan@illinois.edu***). The proposal is due on March 15, 2010.

If you are not a member of the Lactation RIS, please join. Or if you know of other ASN members who do research in the area of lactation, please encourage them to join our RIS. ASN members will soon receive information on how to access the new listserv for each RIS once our new data base management system is fully operational. We expect that you will have received this information before you receive this issue of *Nutrition Notes.*

Contributed by Donna Chapman
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Nutrition Education (NE). Greetings! This is my first *Nutrition Notes* as the Chair of the Nutrition Education RIS. Serving as Chair-

elect during this past year was a good learning experience and I want to thank the other members of the Steering Committee, Shirley Gerrior, Ann Ferris, and Suzie Goodell for their hard work. For this year, Ann Ferris (University of Connecticut) will serve as Past Chair, Georgianna Tuuri (Louisiana State University) will serve as Chair-elect, and Suzie Goodell (North Carolina State University) will serve as Membership Communications Coordinator.

The Nutrition Education RIS was established in order to promote collaboration and sharing of research among members, enhance ASN activities related to nutrition education, and foster nutrition education training among professionals and students. We have approximately 170 members, and sponsor or co-sponsor a symposium and two or three mini-symposia each year at the *Experimental Biology* meetings. The NE RIS is open to all members of ASN, but is particularly appropriate for those whose research involves providing and evaluating nutrition education programs. In July, the RIS chairs met together in a retreat sponsored by ASN and led by Cindy Davis, RIS Director. During this time, we discussed ways to improve the value of ASN membership outside of the *EB* meetings. If you have ideas or suggestions, I would love to hear from you. Please email me at cfitch@mail.wvu.edu. Being active in a RIS is a good way to get involved in your professional organization. You may review abstract submissions, co-chair a mini-symposium, serve on an advisory committee, or serve in one of the elected positions. I will be presenting more specific opportunities to you in the coming months via the listserv. Please consider nominating yourself or someone else when these opportunities are presented.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as the Nutrition Education RIS Chair for 2009-2010. I look forward to working with you.

Contributed by Cindy Fitch, Chair
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Vitamin and Minerals RIS (VMRIS). Greetings Vitamins & Minerals RIS members! It is my pleasure to serve as the VMRIS Chair and I would like to welcome the other new executive officers: Carol Johnston, Chair-Elect from Arizona State University (***carol.johnston@asu.edu***), Susan Zaripheh, our Secretary Treasurer from the National Dairy Council (***susanz@RoseDMI.com***), and our Student Representatives, Eunice Mah from the University of Connecticut (***maheunice@gmail.com***) and Eric Nonnecke from Iowa State University (***enonneck@iastate.edu***). A tremendous thank you is in order for Rich Bruno (University of Connecticut), the outgoing VMRIS chair, for all of his hard work and diligence over the past year.

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

The VMRIS hosts an annual poster competition for graduate students and post-doctoral researchers. We had a stellar group of poster presenters at *EB '09*, which made for an exciting forum and simultaneously difficult for judges. We are again looking for volunteers to judge the *EB 2010* poster competition. At least four judges are needed - two each from vitamins and minerals areas. We would appreciate your willingness to serve as a judge and you can email Carol Johnston (***carol.johnston@asu.edu***) if you are interested. Judges' responsibilities include reviewing abstracts, judging posters, and selecting the top posters/presenters for awards at the VMRIS business meeting. Students and post-docs are again encouraged to submit abstracts for the *EB 2010* competition in Anaheim, CA. The poster competition has been quite successful these past years, and through the generosity of our industry sponsors, we have provided monetary awards to the top three poster presenters.

Do you have any cutting-edge topics that you would like to propose as future symposia? Please consider submitting proposals for symposia on topics of interest to our membership. We can help facilitate proposal development and help pursue funding. Please contact me (***james.swain@case.edu***) regarding your ideas. Your involvement in the VMRIS is greatly appreciated and I look forward to hearing from you. Lastly, please encourage your colleagues and students to join and feel free to send me any information that you would like to contribute in future postings to our members.

Contributed by James Swain, VMRIS Chair
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Nutrient-Gene Interaction (NGI). The Nutrient-Gene Interactions Research Interest Section (NGI RIS) is a vibrant group of scientists and clinicians within ASN who focus on research, teaching and outreach activities in the area of gene regulation by diet, individual nutrients, and bioactive compounds, and how genetic variations can alter the response to these factors. We encourage all those attracted to these areas of research to join our RIS. Information on how to join a RIS either has been sent to members or

will be sent once our new data base management system is fully operational. You will also receive instructions as to how to get on a RIS listserv to receive all relevant information.

The Steering Committee members of the NGI RIS for 2009-2010 are:
Chair: Tracy G. Anthony (Indiana University School of Medicine-Evansville)
Chair-Elect: Kevin Schalinske (Iowa State University)
Past-Chair: Manabu Nakamura (University of Illinois)

Our Advisory Group members are:
Neil Shay (University of Florida)
Naima Moutaid-Moussa (University of Tennessee)
Donato Romagnolo (University of Arizona)
Mazen J Hamadeh (York University)
Graduate Student Representative: Kristina Martinez (UNC-Greensboro)

The NGI-RIS is proud to announce three symposia proposals were accepted by ASN for inclusion in *Experimental Biology 2010.* They are:

Sunday, April 25, 2010; 10:30AM-12:30PM
Title: Dietary Regulation of microRNA Expression and Cancer Prevention.
Chairs: Cindy Davis and Nancy Turner

Sunday, April 25, 2010; 3:00PM-5:00PM
Title: Minerals and Regulation of Gene Expression.
Chairs: James Collins and Shannon Kelleher

Tuesday, April 27, 2010; 8:00AM-10:00AM
Title: Systems Genetics in Nutrition and Obesity Research.
Chairs: Naima Moustaid and Brynn Voy

Congratulations to our members who worked so hard to formulate these proposals! In addition to 3 symposia, the NGI-RIS will be organizing the following nine ASN Minisymposia Topics for *EB 2010.* The titles and chairs are:

Nutrient-Gene Interactions Co-chairs: Yuan-Xiang Pan, Dongmin Liu
Epigenetics, Co-chairs: Sharon Ross, Janos Zempleni
Nutrient-sensing mechanisms, Co-chairs: Tracy Anthony, Hong Chen
Regulation of mineral metabolism, Co-Chairs: Emily Ho and Shannon Kelleher [cosponsored with the Vitamin and Mineral RIS]
Nutrigenomics and nutriproteomics, Co-chairs: Wayne Bidlack, Keith Martin
Gene variation on nutrient metabolism, Co-chairs: Ahmed El-Sohemy, Margarita Teran
Dietary bioactives and gene expression, Co-Chairs: Donato Romagnolo, Stephen Clarke
Maternal-fetal programming of gene expression, Co-Chairs: Patrick Stover, Angela Devlin
Nutrient effects on stem cell differentiation and pluripotency, Co-chairs: Robert Chapkin, Young Kim

We encourage all ASN members in these areas of investigation to submit abstracts to these minisymposia sections and advertise these sessions to your colleagues. One of our major goals is to promote participation and mentoring of young investigators interested in nutrient-gene interactions. To this end, the NGI RIS will again sponsor a poster competition for graduate students and postdoctoral fellows attending *Experimental Biology 2010*. Details and guidelines for submission to the competition will be posted in the next *Nutrition Notes* and on the listserv. Please encourage your students/trainees to plan to submit their research to our poster competition. Plan to attend *EB 2010* in Anaheim, CA April 24-April 28!

Contributed by Tracy Anthony
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Nutritional Immunology (NI). I hope you have enjoyed your summer. For those of us in academics, turning the calendar from summer to fall is a time of renewal and opportunity. As it is my great pleasure to write my first report as the new chair of the NI-RIS, I will ask you to consider the opportunities available through the NI-RIS and how you will take a more active role in 2010. However, first, please join me in congratulating Kathleen Hoag for the successful completion of her two-year term. Kathy has been instrumental in advancing our RIS, most notably in the adoption of our operating procedures and bringing our RIS into compliance with ASN policies. Of course, we look forward to her continued leadership as past chair, effective June 1st. Congratulations are also due to Elizabeth Gardner for her election as chair-elect. I expect this new steering committee will help our RIS continue to thrive.

With rapid advances in research across a broad variety of nutrition sciences, ASN has seen a steady growth in RIS topics and activities. As ASN members, we now have the opportunity to collaborate with peers in numerous overlapping areas of research, from aging and chronic disease to dietary bioactives. For individual RISs, however, this poses a challenge in retaining current members, recruiting new members, and maintaining an effective level of involvement from our membership. Accordingly, I wish to take this opportunity to extend an invitation to you, junior and senior alike, to take a more active role in the NI-RIS.

It is my goal to encourage more graduate students and post-docs to join our RIS and participate in the planning and execution of our events. The NI-RIS provides an excellent atmosphere to prepare students and young faculty for leadership roles by providing, as stated in our *Governance and Operating Procedures*, "a forum for… scholarly activities aimed at determining how nutrients impact immune system function." The NI-RIS provides a unique opportunity for our young scientists to work with those more established, including senior faculty from other institutions that could open doors for post-docs or faculty positions. Therefore, I have proposed to the steering committee that we consider including a student representative on our steering committee, and I welcome your nominations, volunteers, and comments. At the coming *EB2010*, we will have two mini-symposia, "Nutritional Immunology" and "Immune Modulating Nutraceuticals and Functional Foods." We would like to have junior scientists (including graduate students) co-chair these sessions. This is a great opportunity to become involved, and those interested should contact Dayong Wu (***dayong.wu@tufts.edu***) or Barry Ritz (***ritz@drexel.edu***).

I would also like to extend my great respect and sincere gratitude to the senior scientists in our RIS for your critical role in the development of the NI-RIS, as well as your diligent efforts ever since. We continue to rely on your support and leadership. However, it has been my observation, as well as others, that participation by senior members is waning, such as at our annual business meeting. We are observing the majority of participation by a select few dedicated individuals. Instead, we need to encourage even more involvement from our senior scientists. In particular, we want to see our RIS provide benefits for career development for our graduate students, post-docs, and junior faculty. Regular, active interaction with our senior scientists is the only way to achieve this purpose and ensure the future of our field.

I think I have made clear my central goal for 2010: increased involvement by our membership. We have many opportunities to become involved, so those who are interested should please contact me.

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Nutritional Epidemiology (NE). I would like to congratulate Youfa Wang from Hopkins. he will be our chair elect for the upcoming year and then take over as the chair after *EB 2010.* And my sincere thanks to Lisa Troy for running for this office; she will be joining the steering committee as a member along with Regan Bailey from the Office of Dietary Supplements and Niyati Parekh from NYU.

If you did not receive an email from me about the election for the chair elect that means you have not signed up for the Nutrition Epidemiology RIS. Watch for an email describing how you can join and be listed on the RIS listserv [once our new data base management system is fully operational]

One of the exciting activities we have planned for the upcoming year is webinars for our student members. We would like to begin a webinar series to show case the work of our members for the new generation of researchers in our field. You will be hearing more from us via the listserv from Regan Bailey who will lead this effort.

Secondly, I would like to develop a subgroup of the RIS to work on developing symposium ideas for *EB 2011*. If you are interested please contact me- we need good ideas including a list of speakers and funders. These ideas are due on **March 15, 2010** but I would like to get started now.

As always if you have any ideas for activities that you would like the RIS to be involved in please share them with me or send out an email on the listserv! Let us use this technology to enhance our communication and subsequently improve the field of nutrition epidemiology. Hope the new academic year gets off on a great start!

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Diet and Cancer (D-C). First, I want to ask everyone to help me thank Eva Schmelz for her service as Chair last year. Also, extend your congratulations to Huanbiao Mo, our new Chair-Elect!

We are sponsoring six mini-symposia for *EB10* and are looking forward to having dynamic oral and poster sessions for the following topics: 1) Diet and cancer, macronutrients (Nancy Turner, Chair and Andrew Flood, co-Chair); 2) Diet and cancer, micronutrients and bioactive compounds (Eva Schmelz, Chair and Brian Lindshield, co-Chair); 3) Diet, exercise and cancer risk (Arpita Basu, Chair and Jairam Vanamala, co-Chair); 4) Translational and clinical aspects of diet and cancer (Norman Hord, Chair and Bobe Gerd, co-Chair); 5) Obesity, inflammation and cancer risk (Robert Chapkin, Chair and Shanmugam Nagarajan, co-Chair); and 6) Nutrition and cancer survivorship (Terry Hartman, Chair and John Milner, co-Chair). Please

keep these in mind as you start to decide in which sessions you would like to have your presentations programmed.

We are also sponsoring a symposium entitled "Dietary Regulation of microRNA Expression and Cancer Prevention", Chaired by Cindy Davis and Nancy Turner. We have a great list of speakers who will be presenting novel information that should be informative for everyone. Speakers and their presentation topics are: Carlo Croce – "Overview of miRNAs and cancer: miRNA expression during retinoic acid-induced differentiation of human acute promyelocytic leukemia"; Robert Chapkin – "N-3 polyunsaturated fatty acids favorably modulate carcinogen-directed non-coding miRNA signatures in rat colon"; Razelle Kurzrock – "Curcumin alters the expression profiles of miRNAs in human cancer cells"; Igor Pogribny – "Differential expression of miRNAs during hepatocarcinogenesis induced by methyl deficiency in experimental animals"; and Sharon Ross – "Funding opportunities for miRNA research at the National Cancer Institute".

We would like to sponsor another innovative symposium for *EB11*. If anyone has a subject in mind, please send me an e-mail describing the topic. Other opportunities for extending our benefits to the membership include webinars, which may take the form of a seminar, topic-oriented discussion session, technical lecture, etc. Anyone interested in developing a webinar as a way of sharing their expertise with the RIS should contact me and we will work out the logistics. Remember, we also have the listserv, which can be used to conduct discussions among the membership. You should have received an e-mail describing how to submit information to the listserv. If you did not receive this notice, please let me know and we will verify your e-mail address in our database.

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Dietary Bioactive Components (DBC). The DBC RIS continues to focus on promoting research on elucidating the biological, biochemical and genetic basis by which dietary bioactive components may reduce risk of chronic disease, contribute to toxic effects or convey health benefits. Following a successful *EB* in 2009 the following minisymposium topics have been proposed for *EB 2010*:

Dietary Bioactive Compounds I: Mechanisms of action and molecular targets
Dietary Bioactive Compounds II: Chronic disease risk reduction
Dietary Bioactive Compounds III: Antioxidants and free radicals
Dietary Bioactive Compounds IV: Medicinal foods
Dietary Bioactive Compounds: Fermented foods and probiotic

Thank you to all those who have volunteered in the past. If you have ideas for symposia for *EB 2011,* please forward these to Mario Ferruzzi in order to develop a symposia proposal which will be due on March 15, 2010.

As an update to the elections held at *EB 2009* we have appointed Jenna Cramer from University of Illinois as Student Representative for 2009-2010. We look forward to working with Jenna and the Student Interest Group this year. In the coming months we will be expanding our communication through the use of the Dietary Bioactive email listserv so please keep an eye out for updates regarding the RIS on your email. Any suggestions you may have regarding this RIS, please contact Mario Ferruzzi, Chair; Suzanne Hendrich, Past Chair; Nathan Matusheski, chair-elect or Susanne Talcott, secretary/treasurer.

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Energy and Macronutrient Metabolism (EMM). The Energy & Macronutrient RIS welcomes ASN members interested in the function, metabolism, and utilization of carbohydrates, lipids, proteins, and amino acids. You are welcome to join by sending a note by email to us at one of the addresses below. Section members make this group successful in supporting a large variety of minisymposia and full symposia at *Experimental Biology,* and we look forward to several new offerings at *EB2010.*

New or re-worked RIS-sponsored minisymposia include "Obesity and the metabolic syndrome" to be co-sponsored by the new Obesity RIS, and "Metabolic phenotyping, metabolomics, and biomarkers," a venue for emerging science in individualized nutrition and integrative applications of metabolite profiling. Other EMM-sponsored minisymposia at *EB2010* include:

- Energy balance, macronutrient and weight loss
- Protein and amino acid metabolism
- Lipid and fatty acid metabolism and transport
- Dietary factors affecting lipid metabolism
- Polyunsaturated fatty acids and health
- Carbohydrate metabolism
- Regulation of food intake
- Exercise and metabolism

Please consider these when you are submitting your *Experimental Biology* abstract this fall. There are opportunities for Chair and Co-Chair positions

for several minisymposia, so please let us know ASAP if you are interested in participating.

On a final note, participation in the Energy & Macronutrient RIS is a great opportunity for student and faculty networking. It is crucial to nurture a strong student presence in the RIS and ASN generally, and participation at annual meetings is so important in this regard. As Chair, over the coming months I will be asking you to help us think of creative means to further promote student involvement with the RIS, the Society, and our annual meeting program.

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Student Interest Group (SIG). The Student Interest Group was very pleased that so many qualified individuals were interested in serving the Society on one of the student-centered committees. After reviewing the applications, we have selected three new members to serve on the SIG. Sheau Ching Chai, a PhD candidate from Florida State University studying functional foods and bone loss, will serve on the Executive Committee for the term of 2009-2013. Lenis Chen, studying iron deficiency and maternal mental health at Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, will serve the Special Activities committee for 2009-2011, along with Desiree Lavin, a graduate student and registered dietitian studying nutrition and immunity at the University of Illinois. We want to welcome our new members, and encourage those who were not selected to search for other ways to be involved with this dynamic group.

In an effort to communicate more effectively with students, the SIG has begun several forms of online outreach. Eight student bloggers from wide-spread universities including the University of Toronto, The Ohio State University, and the University of New Mexico have been writing about equally diverse topics on the ASN website. Head to www.nutrition.org/asn-blog to read their thoughtful comments on interpreting nutrition information in popular media, neonatal vitamin D exposure, food ecology/economy, and several others. The blog is regularly updated, so check back often to read about these hot topics. Please and feel free to leave a comment---this is an excellent forum for student to showcase their knowledge of and enthusiasm for nutrition!

The SIG has also developed a Facebook group under the title "American Society for Nutrition", and all members are welcome to join. This page links to the posts by the student bloggers, and provides a central place for people to share information and updates. Please take advantage of this excellent social networking opportunity! We currently have over 160 fans on this page and would love to see that number grow over the next few months.

There are many places for students and post-docs to become involved, and the society leadership is eager to see participation from this particular sector of ASN. If you have any questions about the SIG or ideas for us to better serve you as students and post-docs, please contact Emily Tomayko, chair of the SIG, at ***etomayk2@illinois.edu***. I look forward to serving you over the coming year!

Contributed by Emily Tomayko, SIG Chair
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Experimental Animal Nutrition (EAN). If you are a member of the Experimental Animal Nutrition RIS, check the listserv for postings and RIS information by the RIS Chair, Sung Woo Kim. Should you wish to post an announcement please contact Dr Kim at: ***sungwoo_kim@ncsu.edu***

Mathematical Modeling (MM). If you are a member of the Mathematical Modeling RIS, check the listserv for postings and RIS information by the RIS Chair, Heidi Johnson. Should you wish to post an announcement please contact Dr Johnson at: ***hajohnson@ucdavis.edu***

Community and Public Health Nutrition (CPHN). If you are a member of the Community and Public Health Nutrition RIS check the listserv for postings and RIS information by the RIS Chair, Ed Frongillo. Should you wish to post an announcement please contact Dr Frongillo at: ***efrongillo@sc.edu***

Nutrition Translation from Bench to Consumer (NT). Looking forward toward the upcoming year of the Nutrition Translation RIS, I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve as

your Chair and also thank the incoming officers for their willingness to help move our RIS forward, including:

- Chair-Elect: Frances Coletta
- Secretary: Brian Larson
- Treasurer: Dick Cotter

Through integration across academia, government, industry and clinical practice, the Nutrition Translation – From Bench to Consumer RIS translates scientific research to improve nutrition products, promotion and policy for consumer health and wellness. We encourage all ASN members to join our RIS.

Working with ASN we have already extended our RIS activities beyond the *Experimental Biology* Meetings. The Nutrition Translation RIS held the first ASN webinar on July 22, titled: *What the consumer will want from food in 2020: How nutrition science can help meet those needs*. ASN member. Gil Leveille moderated the session, which was presented by Linda Eatherton, Partner at Ketchum, and Cathy Kapica, past chair of the Nutrition Translation RIS. There were about 50 participants attending the webinar live, with interest from those in industry, government and academia. The webinar is available for viewing at: http://www.nutrition.org/education-and-professional-development/.

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CARIG. The transition of the CARIG membership to a RIS has formally occurred. We invite all members of CARIG to sign up for CARIG RIS membership. This does not automatically occur but needs to be done through the ASN website. By the time this issue you reaches you will all have received information on how to use and sign up for a RIS using our new listserv capability. We look forward to our number of formal RIS members expanding in the future. We have already invited the speakers for the CARIG meeting in 2010. The session will be held on Friday afternoon and the theme is carotenoids and cancer. We look forward to seeing you at *EB 2010* in Anaheim.

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Following is a list of the jobs currently posted to the ASN website. The 'live' links are accessible from our website at www.nutrition.org [click on 'jobs'].

Academic

Assistant Prof, Cornell University
PostDoc Cell Biologist Tufts Univ
Postdoc Position Northern Kentucky U
Lecturer/Dietetic Internship Director and Undergrad program director, Univ Mass-Amherst
Assist/Assoc.Prof Nutrition, CUNY-Hunter College
Associate Prof, Nutrition, George Mason Univ
Assist. Prof, Nutrition and Community Health Univ of Guam
Professor in Nutritional Epidemiology Tufts Univ
Clinician/Researcher, Child Nutrition, Univ of Missouri
Postdoc Fellow, Colon Biology, Univ. of Michigan
Assist. Prof., Community Nutrition U. Manitoba, Canada
Assist. Prof./Extension Specialist, Food Science & Human Nutrition, Iowa State U.
Assist. Prof. Nutrition & Food Sci. Texas Womans U.
Assist. Prof., Maternal and Child Nutrition, Emory U.
Assist./Assoc. Prof., Dietetic Internship Director, City U. of New York
Assist./Assoc. Prof., Human Nutrition & Foods, West Virginia U.
Faculty Member, Physical Activity, Nutrition and Obesity-Related Research, Virginia Tech in partnership with the Carilion Biomedical Institute and Carilion Clinic
Chairperson, Dept of Family & Consumer Sciences, Ball State U., Indiana
Department Head and Prof., Nutrition & Food Science, Texas A&M U.

Department Head and Prof., Kinesiology & Nutrition, U. Illinois at Chicago
Postdoctoral in Pediatric Obesity & Diabetes, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, UPMC, PA
Part-Time, Diabetes Educator, University of Colorado Hospital

Non-Academic

Research Physiologist USDA ARS, Grand Forks ND
Physiologist, USDA Beltsville, MD
Psychologist USDA Beltsville, MD
Research Nutritionist USDA ARS, Grand Forks ND
Nutritionist, Cancer Center South Weymouth, MA
Supervisory Research Nutritionist, USDA Grand Forks, ND
Manager, Nutrition Research Nat'l Cattlemen's Beef, Denver
Senior Nutritionist, Almond Board of Calif Modesto, CA
Principal Nutrition Scientist, Dr. Pepper/Snapple Group, Plano, TX
Research Physiologist/Reseach Nutritionist, USDA HNRC, Grand Forks, ND
Research Nutritionist, USDA HNRC, Grand Forks, ND
Research Physiologist/Research Nutritionist, USDA, Grand Forks, ND
Molecular Biologist, USDA ARS, Grand Forks, ND
National Program Leader for Human Nutrition, USDA, Maryland
Senior Adviser, Nutrition Security, UNICEF, New York
Scientist, Physical Characterization, Kraft Foods
Microscopy Expert, Food R&D, Kraft Foods
Sr. Scientist, Kraft Foods, Illinois

Coming Events

For a state-of-the-science update about diet and genomics please plan to attend the Third Congress of the International Society of Nutrigenetics/Nutrigenomics (ISNN). The Congress is being held at the Natcher Center at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD on October 21-23, 2009. For more information please check the Congress website at: http://event.cabezongroup.com/meeting/2009/isnn/. Specific inquiries can also be made to John Milner (***milnerj@mail.nih.gov*** or 301-496-0118).

OCTOBER

4-9 ***XIXth International Congress of Nutrition*** [sponsored by the International Union of Nutritional Sciences (IUNS)]. Bangkok, Thailand ***[see update in this issue]***

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

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

21-23 ***National Cancer Institute, Division of Cancer Prevention 3rd Congress of the International Society of Nutrigenetics/ Nutrigenomics***. National Institutes of Health, Bethesda MD.

24 ***Rationale and Training for the Non-Physician, Doctorally Trained Medical Nutrition Specialist.*** Washington, DC

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

25-2 ***The Center for Mind-Body Medicine.*** Minneapolis, MN.

29-30 ***Malta Polyphenols 2009: Last advances, Innovations and Applications.*** **Malta.** For more information: www.malta-polyphenols.com ***International Society of Antioxidants in Nutrition and Health [ISANH]***

29-30 ***Malta Skin-Ageing 2009: Skin -Ageing and Antioxidants – Innovations & Strategies.*** **Malta**. For more information: www.malta-skinageing.com ***International Society of Antioxidants in Nutrition and Health [ISANH]***

NOVEMBER

2 ***John Beard Memorial Symposium: "Iron...Works"***. State College, PA ***[see Mainly for Members in this issue]***

2-3 ***National Academy of Sciences' Sackler Colloquium: Microbes and Health.*** Irvine, CA

4-7 ***Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students (ABRCMS).*** Phoenix AZ

5-6 ***The Annual AICR Research Conference on Food, Nutrition, Physical Activity and Cancer.*** Washington, DC; www.aicr.org/conference

17-19 ***First Forum on Child Obesity Interventions.*** Mexico City, Mexico. Organizer: FUNSALUD. contact information Beatriz Boullosa at: ***beaboullosa@gmail.com***, or Guillermo Meléndez at ***melendez651@gmail.com*** Telephone +52 55 35 47 36 99

19-22 *6th World Congress:* The International Society for Developmental Origins of Health and Disease (DOHaD); "From developmental biology towards global health". Sheraton Hotel, Santiago, CHILE. http://www.dohad2009.com/

DECEMBER

1-6 *International Society for Zinc Biology* [founded in 2008] *ISZB 2009 Meeting*. Registration can be accomplished on line by connecting to http://www.iszb.org/ISZB%202009%20Meeting%20Const.htm. Jerusalem. The meeting will be held at the Mishkanot Sha'ananim Conference center, housed in a famous historical building dating to 1860 and overlooking the Tower of David and the Old City walls.

3-4 *Tea and Health 2009: Nutraceutical and Pharmaceutical Applications - Last Advances, Controversies & Innovations.* Dubai. For more information: www.dubai-tea.com ***International Society for Antioxidants in Nutrition and Health [ISANH]***

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MAY

6-8 *The Power of Programming: International Conference on Developmental Origins of Health and Disease".* Munich, Germany. The conference is jointly organized by the Early Nutrition Academy, (EC funded), Early Nutrition Programming Project (EARNEST) and the Developmental Origins of Health and Disease Society (DOHad). It will be an opportunity to share the latest results that have come out of the Early Nutrition Programming Project as well as other recent findings on the long term effects of early nutrition. The study of developmental programming requires an integrated multi-disciplinary approach and the conference will present results from clinical trials, epidemiological studies and basic science. We will bring together more than 250 clinicians and scientists from around the world. (for further information look at: http://www.metabolic-programming.org)

Datelines

Dateline Rocky Mountains and Great Plains…with Nancy Turner

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

*From Texas A&M University…***Joanne Lupton** spoke on "Codex Step 8: Definition of Dietary Fibre and Issues Requiring Resolution" at the Dietary Fibre Conference in Vienna, Austria on July 2. **Dr. Lupton** gave three presentations at *Experimental Biology*: "Where is the Science? Smart Choices Program"; "Financial Conflicts and Scientific Integrity: Perspective from an Academic Research Scientist"; and "ASN and the Smart Choices Program" for the Industry Forum Meeting. In May, she spoke to the Institute of Medicine Food Forum Meeting about "Smart Choices Program: Science Behind the Nutrition Criteria". **Joanne** also presented "Fiber is a Nutrient of Need in the Diet" to the Institute of Food Technologists Annual Meeting in Anaheim on June 7. **Nancy Turner** and **Joanne Lupton** both gave two invited lectures at the National Space Biomedical Research Institute Bioastronautics Summer Program, held at the Baylor College of Medicine on June 6. **Robert Chapkin** presented three invited talks: "Enabling Personalized Cancer Medicine Through Non-invasive Analysis of Gene-expression Patterns" at the University of Texas MD Anderson GI Research Seminar Series on April 9; "Anti-inflammatory Properties of n-3 Polyunsaturated Fatty Acids - Old Concepts and New Insights" at the Pediatric Academic Societies Annual Meeting in Baltimore on May 4; and "Fatty Acids, Lipid Rafts and Cell Signaling" at the Fatty Acids in Cell Signaling meeting held at Keble College, Oxford University on July 14. From July 15 to August 8, **Dr. Chapkin** was on a mini-sabbatical in the lab of Hans Clevers, Hubrecht Institute, Utrecht, The Netherlands, for the purpose of isolating stem cells from the small and large intestine (colon) using several markers recently discovered by the Hubrecht Institute. **Joseph Sharkey** presented an invited lecture on "Using GIS to Identify Challenges to Healthy Eating in Rural and Underserved Areas" as part of a GIS in Public Health Short Course. **Dr. Sharkey** also presented three papers at the International Society of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity Scientific Meeting in Lisbon, Portugal: "Availability of Healthier Options in Traditional and Non-traditional Rural Fast Food Outlets"; "Two Contrasting Approaches to Measuring Potential

Access to Fruits and Vegetables in a Large Rural Area: Influence of Availability"; and "Household Food Availability among Hispanic Colonia Residents". Ms. Cheree Sisk, a MS student working with **Dr. Sharkey** presented a paper entitled "Using Multiple Measures to Understand Household Food Availability in Low-income Households" at the same meeting. **Dr. Sharkey** served as Guest Co-Editor of a special issue (June 2009) of *The Gerontologist* Promoting Cognitive Health in Diverse Populations of Older Adults. **He** gave an invited talk on "Food Access and Its Impact on Older Adults Living in Rural Areas" at the Society for Nutrition Education in July.

News from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences…. **William Evans,** currently the Jane and Ed Warmack Chair in Nutritional Longevity at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, will take a new position at GlaxoSmithKline, located in the Research Triangle Park, North Carolina. He will be Vice President and Head of the Muscle Metabolism Discovery Unit. He will also be an Adjunct Professor of Geriatric Medicine at Duke University.

News from the University of Houston… **Ira Wolinsky** (University of Houston) and **Judy A. Driskell** (University of Nebraska) have co-edited a new book on sports nutrition *Nutritional Concerns in Recreation, Exercise, and Sport* published by CRC Press.

News from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln… **Janos Zempleni** received the Distinguished Research and Creative Activity Award from the College of Education and Human Sciences in Lincoln. **Janos** also presented a paper entitled "Holocarboxylase Synthetase Interacts Physically with Histone H3 to Mediate Biotinylation of K9 and K18" at the Epigenetics symposium of the European Molecular Biology Laboratory in Heidelberg, Germany in May, and chaired a grant review panel of the Germany Ministry of Education and Sciences in Berlin, Germany. **Drs. Concetta DiRusso** and **Zempleni** served as reviewers for NIH ARRA proposals. The Excellence in Nutrition Education Award was presented to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services at the 2009 Tri-Regional Conference in Santa Fe, New Mexico. This award was in recognition for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - Education led by Wanda Koszewski. Christina Perry and Robin DiPietro left the nutrition department to pursue other opportunities; both will be dearly missed.

*From the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center…***Elizabeth Parks** gave a presentation entitled "Lipid Fluxes: Conclusions Gleaned from Kinetic Studies" on May 13 at the Frontier Lipidology meeting sponsored by the University of Gothenberg in Sweden. **She** followed this with a presentation on June 6 at the American Diabetes Association National Meeting in New Orleans entitled "Dysregulation of Hepatic Metabolism: Body Fat Gain and Loss".

*From the University of Utah…*The Division of Nutrition at the University of Utah is pleased to announce a new option for their Nutrition Minor curriculum called Scientific Regulation and Evaluation of Dietary Supplements that will be offered beginning in Fall 2009. This option will allow students who minor in Nutrition to take focused classes about the legal regulation of dietary supplements, and whether or not scientific data justify the use of supplements to maintain health and prevent disease.

Please let the Datelines Editor know that you are receiving her initial request for the submission of information to the Rocky Mountains and Great Plains Dateline. The next dateline is: November 1 for the December 2009 issue.

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Dateline Latin America and the Caribbean … with Homero Martinez

From Chile… The month of November will see the celebration, in Santiago, Chile of the Latin American Nutrition Leadership Workshop and the 15th Latin American Congress of Nutrition, of the Latin American Society of Nutrition (SLAN). The theme is "Food, Nutrition and Development in Latin America." Immediately following the SLAN meeting in Santiago will be the 6th World Congress on the Developmental Origins of Health and Disease (DOHaD). A large number of ASN members are on the published programs of both of these meetings in Chile.

From Guatemala… During the months of July and August, Guatemala was the setting for two local scientific meetings, which gathered in a number of ASN members to Central America. The first was the annual *ConverCiencia* meeting, of the National Council of Science and Technology (CONCYT), which blends the interests and experiences of Guatemalan scientists living abroad with those of the resident scientific community in Guatemala. **Fernando Viteri,** of the Children's Hospital of Oakland Research Institute [CHORI] was a central figure in this year's *ConverCiencia.* **He** had four presentations over the three-day

scientific program, including talks on pitfalls of iron supplementation, pre-pregnancy nutrition, and the role of folates in the red cell. **Dr. Viteri** made a visit to CeSSIAM during the following week to observe trials on the calibration of novel methods for non-invasive measurement of hemoglobin and discuss studies on the safety of oral iron administration. **He** also celebrated a reunion luncheon fest, which brought together over 45 veterans of the medical, nursing, food-preparation and para-professional staff of INCAP's Biomedical Sciences Division and Metabolic Unit, which he established and had directed prior to his moving to the USA in 1980.

The second meeting included a series of events surrounding the I MesoAmerican Congress of Nutritionists and the VI Food and Nutrition Security Fair. The inaugural keynote address was presented by **Reynaldo Martorell** on the topic of Nutrition and Development: Looming Challenges for Latin American in the 21st Century. On the Scientific Program of the Congress, **Noel Solomons** spoke on "Nutrition and Immunology" and **Odilia Bermudez** presented on the topic of "The Double Burden of Malnutrition." In addition, **Nimbe Torres** of Mexico gave two presentations in the area of nutritional genetics and genomics. The final two days were dedicated to scientific sessions in celebration of the 60th Anniversary of the Institute of Nutrition of Central America and Panama (INCAP) and the 40th Anniversary of the INCAP Longitudinal "*el Oriente*" Study. On the program for these latter anniversary celebrations were ASN members, **Manuel Ramirez-Zea, Benjamin Caballero, Eduardo Villamor** and **Homero Martinez.**

Noel Solomons traveled to Caracas, Venezuela in May on the occasion of the I Latin American Assembly on Community Nutrition to meet with Luis Serra-Majem and Javier Arancet of Spain on planning of the II World Congress of Public Health Nutrition, set for Oporto, Portugal in September, 2010. **Dr Solomons** also participated as a faculty member in the Advanced Course on Pediatric Nutrition of the Nestle Nutrition Institute in Montreux, Switzerland in July and traveled to Munich, Germany with Caitlin Crowley visiting fellow at CeSSIAM, to receive two prototype instruments for field testing, both with the capacity to provide non-invasive digital read-outs of circulating hemoglobin level through dermal skin-transducer probes.

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Dateline East...with Robert Jackson

From The Center for Genetics, Nutrition and Health...**Artemis P. Simopoulos** spoke on the "Omega-6/Omega-3 Ratio: The Golden Balance" at the 2nd Istanbul International Symposium on Public Health Genomics, 'Chronic-Complex Diseases and Genetics' in Istanbul, Turkey, March 26 – 27, 2009. **Dr. Simopoulos** presented the "Implication of diet and genetic variation in chronic diseases: Omega-6/Omega-3 fatty acid ratio," at the National Institute of Genomic Medicine International Symposium in Nutrigenomics: From Molecular Nutrition to Prevention of Disease, in Mexico City, Mexico on April 16-17, 2009. **She** gave two presentations on 1) "Definition of Evolutionary dietary Omega-6/Omega-3 Ratio: Medical Implications," and 2) "Omega-6/Omega-3 in Nutrigenetics/Nutrigenomics," and moderated the session on omega-3 fatty acids at the 1st International Mediterranean Nutrition & Metabolism Congress in Tel Aviv, Israel, on May 19-21, 2009. **Dr. Simopoulos** attended the 6th Lipidomics Meeting on Bioactive lipids, lipidomics, nutrition and health in Rennes, France, July 1-3, 2009 and spoke on "The Importance of the Omega-6/Omega-3 Ratio and Its Relevance in Health and Chronic Disease."

From the Department of Nutrition and Food Science of the University of Maryland at College Park...Congratulations to **Robert T Jackson** and Lucy Liangli Yu who were both promoted and are now Full Professors. **Nadine Sahyoun** received a Teaching/Research Fulbright Scholar grant for the academic year 2009-2010 based at the American University of Beirut, Department of Nutrition and Food Sciences. In addition to teaching, she will be collaborating with the faculty at AUB on the implementation and analysis of a Lebanese national nutrition and health survey.

From the Beltsville Human Nutrition Research Center...On June 16 -17, *Strategies for Research Coordination on Human Nutrition, Food Safety, and Functional Foods for the Korean and American Diets*, was held at the Beltsville Human Nutrition Research Center (BHNRC). **Allison Yates** and several BHNRC scientists (**Alanna Moshfegh, David Baer, Richard Anderson,** Joseph Urban, **Susan Gebhardt**, **Ellen Harris**), in partnership with the USDA, Agricultural Research Service, Office of National Programs (**Molly Kretsch, David Klurfeld**) and **Kathleen Tucker**, Tufts/USDA Human Nutrition Research Center on Aging and Office of International Research Programs, hosted a delegation of Korean scientists from the Korean Rural Development Administration. **Janet A. Novotny** has been appointed an Associate Editor for the *Journal of Crop Science*. Her responsibilities will include managing submissions

in the area of crops for improved human nutrition or health. **Norberta Schoene** was appointed to the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Nutrition* (2009-2001). **David J. Baer** was selected as the Research Leader for the BHNRC Food Components and Health Laboratory, which conducts clinical studies to understand the relationship between diet and risk for chronic disease. **Richard A. Anderson** was elected as a "Member of Trace Element-Institute for UNESCO", located in Lyon, France, and gave an invited lecture entitled "Chromium and Aging" at the XIX IAG World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics in Paris in June. **Thomas Wang** presented a seminar on cancer protective phytochemicals at the Appalachian Center for *Ethanobotanical Studies* held at the University of Maryland, Biotechnology Institute. In June, Joseph Urban presented a lecture on immunity and helminths at the American Association of Immunologists Introductory Course in Immunology at the University of Pennsylvania and a discussion on "Swine as a Model for Human Allergic and Infectious Disease Interactions" to members of the Cornell Veterinary Student Leadership Program. In September, Dr Urban will participate in a Veterinary Medicine summer school course on Infection and Immunity in Ghent, Belgium. **Alanna Moshfegh** of the BHNRC Food Surveys Research Group gave an invited presentation on The USDA Automated Multiple Pass Method Validation Study at the 7th International Conference on Diet and Activity Methods held in June in Washington, DC. International visitors meeting with the Food Surveys Research Group at BHNRC to learn about national dietary data collection in the US during the summer have included scientists from the Korean National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, Seoul, and from the National Food Institute, Technical University of Denmark, Copenhagen. **Joanne Holden** of the BHNRC Nutrient Data Lab was invited as a lecturer in the Workshop on Production, Management and Use of Food Composition Data in Tucuman, Argentina in June, sponsored by the European Food Information Resource (EuroFIR), LATINFOODS, and the University of Tucuman. Representatives from 14 Latin American Countries participated with Lecturers from the UK, Portugal, Denmark, Germany, and the United States to develop strategies for supporting national food composition databases and related research in Latin America.

From the Office of Dietary Supplements of the National Institutes of Health….**Joseph Betz** gave a presentation entitled Back to the Future: A Historical and Future Perspective and moderated a panel discussion at the American Society of Complex Therapeutics Conference: "From Meadow to Medicine" Developing Complex Therapeutics - A Paradigm Shift on May 12, 2009 in Minneapolis, MN. **Dr. Betz** also presented a talk entitled The NIH/ODS Analytical Methods and Reference Materials Program for Botanical Dietary Supplements: Five-Year Accomplishments and Future Directions at the 50th Anniversary Meeting of the American Society of Pharmacognosy June 27-July in Honolulu, HI. **Robert Russell** gave a talk titled DRIs: A Trigger Framework for Revisions to the Food and Nutrition Board of the Institute of Medicine on June 16th. **Paul Coates** gave the keynote lecture titled *Emerging Needs for Dietary Supplement Standard Reference Materials* on July 10th at the 12th Biological and Environmental Reference Material Symposium (BERM 12) held at **Keble College, Oxford, UK.** ODS co-sponsored a symposium with the National Institute on Drug Abuse titled Caffeine: Is the Next Problem Already Brewing? The symposium consisted of scientific presentations centered around caffeine's role as a pharmacological primer on rewarding and behavioral effects, caffeine's effects on cognitive performance, caffeine and human disease, and human studies on when caffeine use may become problematic. ODS hosted its 3rd annual Dietary Supplement Research Practicum for 81 academic faculty and their advanced students, together with federal government-employed health professionals. Speakers included experts on supplements from the NIH, academic institutions, the Food and Drug Administration, the Federal Trade Commission, and other organizations. Participants visited Capitol Hill to meet with Senator Orrin Hatch and representatives from the dietary supplement industry and consumer advocacy groups. The ODS presenters include **Paul Coates, Mary Frances Picciano**, **Johanna Dwyer**, **Regan Bailey**, **Paul Thomas**, **Elizabeth Yetley**, **Christopher Sempos**, **Robert Russell**, **Rebecca Costello**, **Karen Regan**, **Christine Swanson**, and **Marguerite Klein**. The next Dietary Supplement Research Practicum will be held June 14-18, 2010 at the NIH. Details and registration information will be posted on the ODS Web site in January. ODS sponsored a 2-day workshop, Soy Protein/ Isoflavone Research: Challenges in Designing and Evaluating Intervention Studies, on July 28 and 29th in Bethesda, MD. The goal of this workshop was to provide guidance for the next generation of soy protein/isoflavone human research.

From the Department of Nutrition at the University of Connecticut...**Hedley Freake** has been awarded a Fulbright Scholarship for the coming year. He will be working at Hong Kong Polytechnic University and the Hong Kong America Center on a project to build General Education in Hong Kong Universities. This is part of a major transformation of the Hong Kong Educational system. They are seeking to better align themselves with the rest of China, by restructuring their universities from the British 3-year to the US-4 year system. **Rafael Pérez-Escamilla** has accepted a position at the Yale School of Public Health (YSPH) as tenured Professor of

Epidemiology and Public Health and founding Director of the Office of Community Health, effective September 1st. In his new position **Dr. Pérez-Escamilla** will provide vision and leadership to the YSPH in the areas of community based research, education and training, and community outreach, with a strong emphasis in addressing health disparities. During his 15 years of innovative and productive work in our department **Dr. Pérez-Escamilla** rose through the ranks from in-residence assistant professor to tenured full professor and along the way became a nationally and internationally recognized scholar in the fields of community nutrition and health disparities. His outstanding contributions to our program are very much appreciated and we wish him well in his new position.

From Department of Nutritional Sciences Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey…**Daniel J. Hoffman** was invited to give a seminar: Human Energy Metabolism: Techniques and Applications at the Faculty of Human Development, Technical University of Lisbon, Lisbon, Portugal (5/2009). On July 20th **Malcolm Watford** was invited to present a one day course "Metabolic Regulation – the basics" at the Universitat Autonoma de Barcelona, sponsored by the Centro de Investigacion Biomedia en Red de Diabetes y Enfermedades Metabolicas Asociadas and the European Mouse Disease Clinic. **Dawn Brasaemle** was an invited speaker for 1) the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at *2009 Experimental Biology* in New Orleans, LA (April 19-22); 2) the annual conference of the Council on Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology of the American Heart Association in Washington, DC (April 29-May 1); and 3) "Frontier Lipidology: Lipidomics in Health and Disease" in Gothenburg, Sweden (May 10-13). She spoke about her research on lipid droplet associated proteins and control of triacylglycerol metabolism at each conference. **Dr. Brasaemle** has begun service for a 4-year term as a Scientific Advisor to the European Union Framework VII project, "LipidomicNET". The project involves 37 research groups spread throughout the European Union, including groups at 19 universities and 5 companies. She attended the first annual meeting of the project and presented a short talk describing her own research projects in Regensburg, Germany, July 13-14.

From the Graduate Program in Nutrition at the Pennsylvania State University ….**Gordon Jensen was a**ppointed as a member of the review panel for the NASA Johnson Space Center (JSC) Human Research Program (HRP), Human Nutrition. **Dr. Jensen** gave two new presentations: "Obesity in Older Persons" – National Academy of Science – Washington, DC – 5/09 and "Improving Outcomes in Chronic Disease with Therapeutic Nutrition" – Policy Briefing on Capital Hill – Washington, DC – 6/09. **Andras Hajnal** was the recipient of the distinguished Samuel F. Hinkle Mid-Career Translational Award for 2009. On May 06, 2009 **he** presented his lecture "Taste Reward in Obesity and Following Gastric Bypass Surgery" at the Hershey Medical Center auditorium. **Barbara Rolls** was invited to speak about "The effect of energy density on satiation and satiety" at the British Nutrition Foundation's June 18 conference "Satiation, satiety and their effects on eating behavior" held at London's Institute of Physics. **Dr**. **Rolls** also attended The Nutrition Society's 2009 Summer Meeting at The University of Surrey, Guildford, England, on June 29 – July 2, where she gave the opening plenary lecture, "Dietary strategies for the prevention and treatment of obesity." Her related paper will be published in the February 2010 issue of *Proceedings of the Nutrition Society*. **Catharine Ross** spoke at the 3rd Annual Nutrition and Wellness Research Center Symposium organized by the Nutrition and Wellness Research Center at Iowa State University on May 17-19. She presented on the topic of "Vitamin A Intake and the Host Response to Vaccines". In July, **Dr. Ross** participated in a consensus conference organized by **Hans K. Biesalski** at the University of Hohenheim, Germany, to discuss the human requirement for beta-carotene. **Sharon M. (Shelly) Nickols-Richardson** completed her term as President of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences in June 2009.

From the Division of Nutritional Sciences at Cornell University…**Jere Haas** spent 3 weeks in July in Darjeeling in West Bengal in India with the Micronutrient Initiative setting up an evaluation of a project to introduce double fortified salt (iodine and iron) to the diets of families. **Jamie Dollahite**, along with co-authors Donald Kenkel and C. Scott Thompson, received the *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior's* Best Article Award for 2008.The article was entitled "An Economic Evaluation of the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program". **Michael Latham,** from March 26-27, participated in the North American Regional Meeting of the World Alliance for Breastfeeding Actions (WABA) in Greensboro, North Carolina. **Dr. Latham** did this in his capacity as Co-Chair of the WABA International Advisory Council. In May **he** was appointed as a member of the 8-person Advisory Committee for the WABA Forum to be held in Quebec City in Canada in June 2010. The Institute of Medicine/National Research Council recently released "Weight Gain During Pregnancy: Reexamining the Guidelines", the report of an expert committee chaired by **Kathleen Rasmussen**. Other ASN members on this committee included Barbara Adams, **Lisa Bodnar**, **Claude Bouchard**, **Nancy Butte**, **Rafael Perez-Escamilla** and **Anna Maria Siega-Riz.**

*From the Department of Nutrition, University of Massachusetts Amherst…***Nancy Cohen** has returned as Department Head after serving as Interim Dean of the School of Public Health and Health Sciences. **Young-Cheul Kim** has initiated a recent Memorandum of Understanding between the University of Massachusetts and Chungbuk Oriental Medicine Center, South Korea to study biological functions of certain oriental medicinal herbs related to obesity and diabetes. **Jean Anlike**r and Elena Carbone made poster and oral presentations about their *Strength and Power in Nutrition (SPIN*) adolescent obesity prevention program at the International Society for Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity annual meeting in Lisbon, Portugal, June 17-20.

From New York University …**Marion Nestle** spoke at the University of Alaska in Fairbanks and keynoted the global conference on meeting nutritional challenges with sustainability and equity in New Delhi this summer. **Niyati Parekh** received a travel award from ASN to attend the International Congress of Nutrition 2009 in Thailand Bangkok and will be giving an oral presentation on her findings on the associations of insulin resistance and cancer mortality in a national sample. **Beth Dixon** is working with colleagues on a RWJF-funded project to evaluate the influence of calorie labeling on the food choices of families and adolescents.

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Dateline North… with Darlene Berryman

*From Iowa State University…***Sarah Francis** has joined the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition as assistant professor and extension specialist. **Wendy White** gave two invited presentations for the Micronutrient Forum meeting in Beijing on May 13 and 14, 2009. **She** also participated on a National Public Radio segment entitled 'Get the most nutrition from your veggies'. **John Patience** presented an invited paper at the XLIV annual meeting of the Asociacion Mexicana de Veterinarios Especilistas en Cerdos in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico on July 23rd. **D. Lee Alekel** served on the 2009/10 Council Aging Systems and Geriatrics Study Section of National Institute of Aging of the NIH. **She** was also discussant in the Equol, Soy, and Menopause Research Leadership Conference organized by LSRO in Bethesda, MD. **Dr Alekel** was an expert panelist in an NIH-sponsored workshop entitled 'Soy Protein and Isoflavones Research: Challenges in Designing and Evaluating Intervention Studies' organized by the NIH Office of Dietary Supplements, Bethesda, MD. **Diane Birt** chaired the external review of the Food Science and Human Nutrition Department at the University of Florida, Gainesville, FL and participated in the External Advisory Committee meeting for the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center Botanical Research Center. **She** presented "Resistant corn starch and colon cancer prevention" at the recent Institute of Food Technologists meeting in Anaheim, CA. She also presented "Seafood risk-benefit considerations: A case study" via a Webcast of the Institute of Food Technologists. **Dr Birt** also participated in the 2008 AACR Cancer Prevention meeting in Washington, DC as a member of the program committee. **She** attended the Food and Nutrition Board (IOM/NAS) meeting in December and June. **Diane** assisted in recruiting minority students at the Florida-Georgia Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics in Miami, FL.

*From Ohio State University…***Steven Clinton** was selected as an American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Fellow. The annual **Russell Klein** Nutrition Research Symposium was held on June 5. The event is named in memory of the OSU Human Nutrition professor who died from cancer; the event featured graduate student research poster presentations and a seminar titled "The obesity epidemic in the United States: crisis and opportunity" presented by **William Dietz,** director of the Division of Nutrition and Physical Activity in the Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. **Bill Weiss** is the recipient of the 2009 Applied Dairy Nutrition Award from the American Dairy Science Association of Nutrition Professionals. **Mark Failla** delivered an invited lecture, 'Bioavailability of Health-Promoting Compounds', at the Symposium on The Contribution of Fruit and Vegetable Consumption to Human Health at the University of Queretaro, Mexico, on June 12th. **Dr Failla** and **Steven Schwartz** also jointly presented a seminar titled Looking Beyond Content: Bioavailability of carotenoids and other bioactive compounds in plants at the IFT Wellness 09 Conference in Chicago.

*From Ohio University…***Darlene Berryman** gave two international, invited presentations discussing her research related to growth hormone, body composition and depot-specific accumulation in adipose tissue. She gave one talk in Rotterdam, Netherlands on May 13th and another at a joint obesity research meeting in Madrid in the Department of Endocrinology, Hospital Infantil Universitario Nino Jesus on May 18th.

From the University of Illinois at Urbana... **Kelly Swanson** is the incoming Chair of the Companion Animal Steering Committee for the American Society of Animal Science. He gave the following invited presentations this summer: "Novel Proteins and Diet Formats for Dogs and Cats." 2009 American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine Forum, Montreal, Canada, [June 6, 2009]; "Maternal Nutrition: Effects on Long-Term Health of the Offspring." 2009 American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine Forum, Montreal, Canada, [June 6, 2009]; "Potential Opportunities for Optimizing Nutrition of Tomorrow's Pet." Conference on Pet Nutrition in the 21st Century: From Complete and Balanced to Optimized Nutrition, Waltham on the Wolds, UK, [July 6, 2009]; and "Canine Model of Nutrition and Aging". NIH Alternative Animal Models for Aging Research Workshop, Bethesda, MD, [July 29, 2009].

From the University of Minnesota…**Mary C. Gannon** presented an invited lecture at the American Association of Bariatric Physicians meeting in April, in the Nutrition and Metabolism Symposium titled: "The LoBAG Diet in the Treatment of Type 2 Diabetes." **She** also was an invited speaker at the European Chapter of the American College of Nutrition Meeting in Budapest, Hungary in May. **Her** presentation was titled "Diet and Diabetes." In addition, **Dr. Gannon** was an invited speaker for a plenary session at the American Diabetes Meetings in New Orleans in June. **Her** presentation was titled: "Dietary Protein, Insulin Secretion and Diabetes." **Chery Smith** was selected as a Fulbright Scholar to Nepal for 2009-2010. Her project is titled: Food access and weight implications for Nepalese women in a transitioning Nepal. This is her second time as a Fulbright Scholar. **Dr. Smith** also co-presented the plenary session, "Deconstructing a Possible Hunger-Obesity Paradox," with **Marilyn Townsend** at the annual conference for the Society of Nutrition Education in New Orleans. **Mindy Kurzer** contributed an invited lecture titled "Systematic Review of the Effects of Soy Isoflavones on the Alleviation of Hot Flushes in Postmenopausal Women," at the Symposium on Evaluating the Efficacy and Safety of Isoflavones for Postmenopausal Women, Milan, Italy in May, 2009. **Joanne Slavin** recently gave the following invited lectures: "Dietary fibre and satiety – not all fibre is alike," 15th Gums and Stabilizers Conference, Wrexham, Wales, June 2009; "Fermentation patterns and short chain fatty acid profiles of wheat dextrin and other functional fibers," 2009 Dietary Fibre Conference, Vienna, Austria, July 2009. **Ted Labuza,** Morse Alumni Distinguished Teaching Professor of Food Science and Nutrition, gave the following invited lectures: "History and Future of Time-Temperature Integrator Tags for Ensuring MMR Vaccines are effective," Proceedings of the WHO Vaccine Technology and Logistics Meeting in Geneva, Switzerland, [April 2009]; "Influence of moisture on aggregation of protein during storage," **T. Labuza,** D. Zhu, H.Taterka & A .Tran (Poster), Annual Meeting of USDA CREES PIs NRI Grants in New Orleans 6/5/09; "Protein Quality Changes during storage of a whey based protein nutrition bar," Amy Tran, Heather Taterka and **T .P. Labuza** (Poster paper), USDA NRI PI Meeting in Anaheim CA on 6/6/09; "Public Health Consequences of the PCA Case," Grand Rounds for Hospital Dieticians of the Fairdale South Medical Center on June 30. **Mary Schmidl** presented an invited talk on "The Globesity Crisis" to the Chinese Institute of Food Technologists (>500,000 members) held in Shanghai in June. She then traveled to Beijing to meet with government officials to help setup a Food Safety Summit with help from IUFOST (International Union of Food Science and Technology) of which she is chair of the Science Committee. This will be held next year in China. In addition she presented the same topic at the Globe Chinese Health Food Symposium held in Hong Kong in early August. While there she met with AQSIQ which is the Chinese agency that oversees the safety and nutritional quality of ingredients and foods exported out of China. **Xiaoli Chen** was invited to present 'Nutrigenomics - tailoring your diet to your genes' for General Mills, Inc in May 2009 and for the University of Ningbo, China in June 2009.

From Michigan State University…**Pam Fraker** served on the Senior Investigator Review Panel for the Endocrinology, Metabolism, Nutrition and Reproductive Sciences Integrated Review Group at the NIH to finalize scores for the Challenge grants. **Jenifer Fenton** received a RO3 NCI grant entitled: Biomarkers of Obesity Inflammation and Colon Cancer Risk. **Elizabeth Gardner** gave an invited presentation at GTC Nutritionals in Golden, Colorado on "Nutrition and Immunity: A Brief Overview".

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Dateline Southeast... with Kathryn Kolasa

*From East Carolina University…***Kathy Kolasa** and medical professionals from NC's four medical schools, private practice community, the Medicaid Managed Care network and the Division of Public Health presented a poster at the CDC Weight of the Nation Conference: "North Carolina's Pediatric Obesity Clinician Reference Guide and Took Kit" **Dr Kolasa** also presented "Putting Childhood Obesity Guidelines Into Practice: Standardized Medical Nutrition Therapy in primary care settings" at the 5th Biennial California Childhood Obesity Conference in Los Angeles.

*From the University of Florida…***Linda Bobroff** received the 2009 Christine Taylor Waddill Extension Professional and Enhancement Award for her work in diabetes self-management education. The award includes a one-time salary supplement and $500 for her Extension program. **Bob Cousins** gave a plenary lecture at the meeting of the Nutrition Society at the University of Surrey (Guildford, United Kingdom) in June, 2009. The topic was "Transcription factors, regulatory elements, and nutrient-gene communication." Also presenting a lecture was J. Bernadette Moore, a Ph.D. alumnus from his lab and a faculty member at Surrey. **Dr Cousins** was also appointed to another five year term as Editor of the *Annual review of Nutrition.* **Marie-Louise Ricketts** gave the talk "Coffee and Cafestol" at the XV International Symposium on Atherosclerosis: Nutrition, Lifestyle and Atherosclerosis Satellite Symposium, June 11th-13th 2009, Bretton Woods, NH. **She** also was invited chairperson at the XV International Symposium on Atherosclerosis: Nutritional Studies - Effects of Chocolate, Tea, Coffee, and Other Beverages and Foods, June 14th-18th, 2009, Boston, MA, where she gave a talk entitled "Nuclear Hormone Receptors as Mediators of Dietary Constituent-Induced Metabolic Changes".

*From the University of North Carolina at Greensboro…***Martha Taylor** received the Outstanding Research Award from the Get Healthy Guilford Coalition for her research project related to diabetes. **Margaret Savoca** received the School of Human Environmental Sciences (HES) 2009 Mary Frances Stone Outstanding Teacher Award and **Lauren Haldeman** received the 2009 HES Research Excellence Award. **Keith Erikson** was promoted to Associate Professor in the Department of Nutrition. Two doctoral candidates have been awarded scholarships from the American Dietetic Association Foundation for 2009-2010: **Mridul Datta** (mentor **Martha Taylor**) and Heather Colleran (mentor **Cheryl Lovelady**). Travis Thomas (mentor **Cheryl Lovelady**) won First Place in the Graduate Student Poster Competition at the Sports, Cardiovascular and Wellness Nutrition Symposium held in Scottsdale, Arizona for his research, "The Effect of a High Dairy Diet, Dairy Supplementation, and Resistance Exercise on Increasing Lean Body Mass and Decreasing Fat Mass in Overweight Women."

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Dateline West...with John McNamara

*From the University of California at Davis…***MRC Greenwood** has been appointed President of the University of Hawaii. **Judith S. Stern** became a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) in February 2009. Along with **Alexandra Kazaks**, her book, *Obesity in America,* ABC-CLIO Press was just published: *Obesity: A Reference Handbook.* **Andrea Bersamin**, PhD in nutrition for UC Davis is now an Assistant Professor at the Center for Alaska Native Health Research, University of Alaska, Fairbanks where her research focuses on nutrition in Native, Alaska Yup'ik Eskimos.

*From the USDA-ARS-WHNRC at Davis***...Marta Van Loan,** Nutrition Research Center, attended the annual meeting of the American Society for Bone and Mineral Research in Denver, Co Sept 11- 15th. **Dr. Van Loan** and**. D. Lee Alekel,** Iowa State University, presented the latest findings from their 3- year clinical trial on the Role of Soy Isoflavones to Reduce Bone Loss in Postmenopausal Women. **Marta Van Loan** and graduate student Michelle Barrack**,** Department of Nutrition, University of California, Davis and colleagues **Jeanne Nichols**, School of Exercise and Nutritional Sciences, San Diego State University and Mitchell Rauh, Graduate Program in Orthopaedic and Sports Physical Therapy, Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions, Provo, UT also presented results on 'Lower Energy Intake Levels Among Female Adolescent Endurance Runners with Abnormal Bone Turnover.' USDA Deputy Secretary Kathleen Merrigan, accompanied by former Deputy Secretary Richard Rominger, met with the Center Director, **Lindsay Allen**, and Scientists and staff of the ARS Western Human Nutrition Research Center, Davis. The Deputy Secretary was informed about the WHNRC's research priorities - prevention of obesity and inflammation with foods and exercise, and testing the Dietary Guidelines for Americans - and toured the Metabolic Kitchen.

USDA Under Secretary Rajiv Shah, accompanied by ARS-Pacific West Area Director Andrew Hammond, visited the ARS Western Human

Nutrition Research Center, Davis. The Under Secretary met with Research Leaders **Drs. Charles Stephensen** and **Sean Adams** for an informational overview of Davis location efforts in nutrition research including progress in the areas of obesity and inflammation.

Kevin Laugero, Research Nutritionist at the ARS Western Human Nutrition Research Center, was an invited speaker at the 5th Biennial Childhood Obesity Conference held in Los Angeles, CA, June 9-12. His talk entitled "A New Perspective on Stress, Eating, and Feeling Better," covered how psychological stress may be a factor contributing to childhood obesity. He discussed potential mechanisms to explain how palatable, calorically-dense foods can switch off the stress response and lead to the habitual intake of these kinds of foods.

July 9 to July 13 - The Obesity & Metabolism Research Unit at the ARS Western Human Nutrition Research Center hosted Rudy Ortiz, a Visiting Scholar from the University of California, Merced. The visit was supported by a USDA Hispanic-Serving Institutions National Program (HSINP) E. (Kika) De La Garza Fellowship to Dr. Ortiz. In addition to providing exposure to USDA research efforts and infrastructure, discussions resulted in a collaborative plan in the area of obesity research in Hispanic and non-Hispanic populations in the San Joaquin Valley of California.

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IUNS UPDATE FROM THE US ADHERING BODY – ASN

We continue to collaborate with our host society in Thailand to bring to the 19th International Congress of Nutrition, [***Nutrition Security for All***] our science, our best and brightest young investigators, our most gifted and talented scientists/speakers, our program ideas, our booth and our enthusiasm for what we anticipate will be a great Congress. For all information on the Congress and the dates for submission and registration, email: icn2009@asiacongress.com web: www.icn2009.com

Most importantly, we encourage all members to plan to attend and make our presence known. This is an opportunity which comes around only once every four years; it affords our members the opportunity to share science, culture, and to socialize among other scientists who they may not see or connect with for another four years. – a truly unique opportunity.

Now that ASN has accepted the responsibility for representing the US and the Adhering Body to the IUNS, it will be important for us to interact not only during the months prior and leading up to the Congress, but in every way and with all the support we can offer to this international body which works so hard on a continuing basis to improve the health and well being of people everywhere.

Our completed tasks for the upcoming Congress include: the completion and provision of all necessary materials for ASN/US Adhering Body's representative, Benjamin Caballero, to attend the General Assembly and present our candidates for election to the Council. The election of Fellows of the IUNS will also be held and we have made nominations for this protocol as well. We are looking forward to the celebration and presentation of the IUNS award, which is presented every four years at the Congress. Barry Popkin will deliver the EV McCollum Lecture. We are excited about those of our Living Legends who have provided the requisite materials to be included in this unique program. To date we have provided information for Michael Latham, Leon Ellenbogen, Milton Sunde, Charlotte Neumann, Ritva Butrum, Myron Winick, Felix Bronner, Nevin Scrimshaw, Paul Newberne.

We have selected our booth [#414] where all ASN members and friends can gather and discuss both Congress events as well as society business. Make sure to visit us!!! We will take with us many informative materials which we can share with Nutrition Societies across the globe.

Each of the ASN travel grant awardees is now settled with travel and registration arrangements. Several have indicated that their abstracts have been accepted for presentation. We will have many members involved in the sessions at the Congress.

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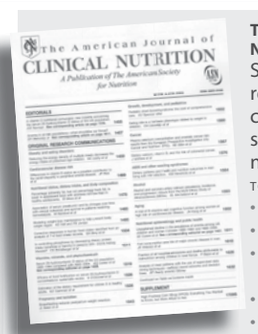

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