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Current Developments in Nutrition Builds Editorial Leadership with Four Deputy Editors

Appointees include Connie Bales, Ph.D., Duke University; Sarah Booth, Ph.D., Tufts University; Eileen Kennedy, D.Sc., Tufts University; and Rafael Perez-Escamilla, Ph.D., Yale University

ROCKVILLE, MD - November 9, 2016 - The American Society for Nutrition today named four distinguished academics to the founding editorial staff of the society's newest publication, *Current Developments in Nutrition*. The appointments represent the society's commitment to create a new dimension of nutrition research publishing that will bring important ideas to its audience. As the society's first fully open-access journal, *Current Developments in Nutrition* complements its existing portfolio of titles while providing opportunities for authors to publish a wider scope of nutrition research and article types, including methods and short-form articles.

"I'm excited to add this impressive group of distinguished scientists to the masthead of *Current Developments in Nutrition*," said Editor-in-Chief Jack Odle. "Each brings a unique background, focus, and body of experience that will help us further develop our pioneering voice in nutrition research. Together they provide the foundation for our editorial mission to attract and publish a broader, more diverse collection of research."

About *Current Developments in Nutrition*'s new deputy editors:

Connie Bales (Ph.D., R.D., L.D.N.), Professor in Medicine, Duke University School of Medicine

Bales' research focuses on the role of nutrition in the prevention and treatment of age-related chronic disease and functional decline in older adults. She recently chaired ASN's Medical Nutrition Council, and is a past chair of the society's Scientific and Education Programs Oversight Committee. As deputy editor of *Current Developments in Nutrition* she will support the area of nutrition and metabolism as it relates to optimal health and the prevention and treatment of human disease.

Sarah Booth (Ph.D.), Professor, Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy, Tufts University

Booth's expertise is in vitamin K food composition, dietary assessment, nutritional assessment, and bioavailability. Her laboratory characterizes dietary factors, including food composition and nutrient-nutrient interactions, and non-dietary factors, such as genetics, that contribute to the inter-individual variation in vitamin K intake, bioavailability, and utilization and vitamin K metabolite production. With *Current Developments in Nutrition* Booth will support the breadth of nutrition sciences from genes to individuals, with applications to humans and production and experimental animal species across the lifespan.

Eileen Kennedy (D.Sc.), Dean Emeritus and Professor of Nutrition, Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy, Tufts University

Kennedy's research interests include assessing the health, nutrition, diet and food security impacts of policies and programs; nutrient density and diet diversity; and agriculture nutrition linkages. She is a member of the High Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition of the UN Committee on World Food Security. Kennedy founded and was the first executive director of the USDA Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion, and created the Healthy Eating Index which is used as a single summary measure of diet quality. As deputy editor of *Current Developments in Nutrition* Kennedy will support the areas of food and nutrition policy, assessments of the food security impacts of policies and programs, agriculture nutrition linkages.

Rafael Perez-Escamilla, (Ph.D.), Professor of Epidemiology (Chronic Diseases), Yale University School of Public Health

Perez-Escamilla's global public health nutrition and food security research includes breastfeeding programs, iron deficiency anemia among infants, household food security measurement and outcomes, and community nutrition education programs. His health disparities research involves assessing the impact of community health workers at improving behavioral and metabolic outcomes among Latinos with type 2 diabetes. He will support the areas of nutrition research with relevance to both economically less-developed countries and to disadvantaged populations and the translation of this knowledge into training, policies and programs.

Current Developments in Nutrition has already begun accepting submissions, and will publish its inaugural issue in early 2017.

About the American Society for Nutrition:

ASN is the authoritative voice on nutrition and publisher of The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition, The Journal of Nutrition, and Advances in Nutrition. Established in 1928, ASN's more than 5,000 members in more than 75 countries work in academia, practice, government and industry. ASN advances excellence in nutrition research and practice through its publications, education, public affairs and membership programs, reaching over 36 million individuals annually. Visit us at www.nutrition.org.

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