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Greetings from the President: Robert M. Russell, MD

As the end of summer draws closer, we have several exciting events to anticipate. In preparation for ASN's Scientific Sessions and Annual Meeting, remember that ASN's Invitation for Award Nominations is open. This includes awards that recognize excellence among young investigators and senior investigators, as well as our public policy/public information and education/mentoring awards. Nominations can be made by any ASN member or nutrition professional and are due Sept. 1. Please read the [full announcement](#), which also includes information about the 2011 ASN Fellows nominations, due Oct. 1.

Also approaching is the Fall Board meeting, set for Sept. 19-21, in Rockport, MA. If there is an issue you feel the Executive Board should address at this meeting, please email me at russell@nutrition.org. I always enjoy hearing from my fellow ASN members.

In policy news, USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) Director Dr. Roger Beachy addressed concerns of the agricultural research community and asked for additional input at a stakeholder meeting on July 29th. ASN attended this meeting, during which Dr. Beachy restated his commitment to allocating 30 percent of NIFA's Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) budget to individual investigator-initiated grants.

Finally, ASN is proud to be a partner in promoting September as Childhood Obesity Awareness Month. Please visit [Healthier Kids, Brighter Futures](#) to learn more about this initiative and events planned around it.

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Sept. 23-25. [World Congress of Public Health Nutrition](#).
Porto, Portugal.

Oct. 7-9. [American College of Nutrition Annual Meeting](#).
New York, NY.

Oct. 21-22. [AICR Annual Research Conference](#).
Washington, DC.

Nov. 6-9. American Dietetic Association's [Food and Nutrition Conference & Expo](#).
Boston, MA. Visit the ASN booth!

Feb. 25-27, 2011. ASN's [Advances and Controversies in Clinical Nutrition](#). San Francisco, CA.

April 9-13, 2011. ASN's Scientific Sessions and Annual Meeting at [Experimental Biology](#) 2011. Washington, DC.

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Public Policy News

The House and Senate are in recess. The policy newsletter will resume in September.

Register Now for Clinical Nutrition Conference

[Register online now](#) for the upcoming Advances and Controversies in Clinical Nutrition Conference, organized by ASN's Medical Nutrition Council. The conference will be held February 25-27, 2011, in San Francisco, CA. Stay tuned for more information about confirmed speakers, accommodations, call for abstracts, satellite sessions, exhibits, other sponsorship opportunities, as well as CME and CPE credit. **The first 50 ASN members to register will receive free access to the webinar:** "The Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee Process Behind the Scenes: From Charter to Evidence to Advisory Report Recommendations."

ASN Scientific Sessions and Annual Meeting at Experimental Biology

Late-breaking symposia and special session proposals are due to ASN by Wednesday, September 1, 2010 ([download the proposal submission form here](#)). Abstract submission and early registration for EB 2011 will open on the FASEB website by September 1 (www.experimentalbiology.org). The abstract deadline is **Monday, November 8, 2010.**

ASN's [preliminary program](#) can be viewed online. Sponsorship opportunities including scientific sessions, networking events, RIS and more are available; please email peichenbrenner@nutrition.org.

Don't forget, the archive of videotaped symposia and other materials from EB 2010 and previous years is online at www.nutrition.org/edprofdev. All items are free to ASN members!

Submit to *Advances in Nutrition*

The full editorial board for ASN's newest journal, *Advances in Nutrition*, has been named. The entire list can be found on the [website](#).

If you wish to submit a review to the journal, read over the [Author Guidelines](#) and send a cover letter and the review to advances@nutrition.org. The first issue will be published in November.

Fine Tune Your Chemistry Knowledge

ASN is collaborating on a symposium track, "Chemistry for Preventing and Combating Disease," with the American Chemical Society (ACS) at the 2010 ACS Annual Meeting in Boston, MA, August 22-26, 2010. Topics will include obesity, antioxidants, brain issues, cancer, cardiovascular disease, and diabetes. Visit the [website](#) for more information such as speakers and descriptions.

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Atwater Lecture Nominations Are Open

In addition to the ASN awards nominations (see President's message at left), please consider submitting an nomination for the 2011 W.O. Atwater Memorial Lectureship to the Agricultural Research Service, USDA's chief scientific agency. The Lecture, which is co-sponsored with ASN, will be presented at the ASN Scientific Sessions and Annual Meeting at Experimental Biology 2011.

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 attend the meeting to present the Lecture are part of the award.

To nominate a person, send the candidate's CV and a letter explaining their

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[Total folate and folic acid intakes from foods and dietary supplements of US children aged 1-13 y](#)

[Genetic variation at the *SLC23A1* locus is associated with circulating concentrations of l-ascorbic acid \(vitamin C\): evidence from 5 independent studies with >15,000 participants](#)

[A new twist on an old vitamin: human polymorphisms in the gene encoding the sodium-dependent vitamin C transporter 1](#)

[Longitudinal association of vitamin B-6, folate, and vitamin B-12 with depressive symptoms among older adults over time](#)

[Micronutrient quality of weight-loss diets that focus on macronutrients: results from the A TO Z study](#)

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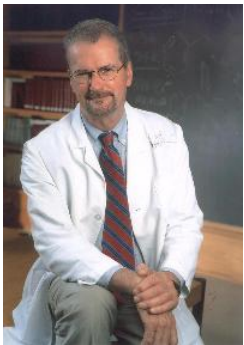
[Dietary fiber related to lower mortality from cardiovascular disease in Japanese](#)

[Researchers find noninvasive way to measure energy expenditure in children](#)

[Consumption of additional calories may be beneficial during flu season](#)

Member Spotlight

- **Stephanie Atkinson, PhD**, has been elected a Fellow to the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences. Membership is considered one of the highest honors for members of the Canadian health sciences community and carries with it a covenant to serve the Academy and Canadian society.
- Research by **Paul Davis, PhD** on walnuts and prostate cancer was featured in Health News in *Better Homes & Gardens*.
- **Alice Lichtenstein, PhD**, is the recipient of the 2010 American Public Health Association's Nutrition Policy Award.
- **Andrew Shao, PhD** was given The Leadership Award by the Tufts Alumni Association.
- **Catherine Stanton** and colleagues from University College Cork received the IDF Elie Metchknoff Award 2010 for research on the application of Lactic Acid Bacteria (LAB) in fermented dairy products to improve health and mechanistic basis of LAB and probiotic functionality.



Please continue to send me your thoughts and ideas on improving ASN.

Sincerely,

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Deadline for nominations is
Nov. 4; additional information
can be found online at www.ars.usda.gov/is/lectures/atwater.htm

*Note: Current ARS employees
are not eligible for nomination.*

