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PEDIATRIC NUTRITION EXPERT BECOMES ASN PRESIDENT

June 1, 2012—Teresa A. Davis, PhD, a pediatric nutrition specialist, took office as President of the American Society for Nutrition (ASN) on June 1, 2012. Dr. Davis is a Professor of Pediatrics at the Children's Nutrition Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas.

"It is a great honor and privilege to serve as President of ASN for the next year," said Davis. "ASN has made impressive strides over the past few years and I look forward to working with ASN members to execute important society priorities, which will promote ASN as the authoritative leader in nutrition through science. These priorities include strengthening ASN's education portfolio, expanding the impact of ASN's publications and scientific conferences, advocating for increased funding for nutrition research, expanding opportunities for young and established nutrition scientists, and supporting international activities and partnerships with other professional societies."

Learn more about Dr. Davis's priorities for her term in this video.

Dr. Davis is internationally recognized for her studies on the nutritional regulation of protein metabolism and growth. Her research is providing important information to improve the nutritional management and growth of infants, children, and farm animals. She has more than 125 peer-reviewed publications and receives grant support from a number of sources including the National Institutes of Health and the United States Department of Agriculture. Dr. Davis has received the ELR Stokstad Award for outstanding fundamental research in nutrition from ASN, the Animal Growth and Development Award from the American Society of Animal Science, the Centennial Leader Award from the University of Tennessee, the Research Mentor Award from Baylor College of Medicine, and is a Fulbright US Distinguished American Scholar. Her postdoctoral fellows have received numerous prestigious grants and awards for their research accomplishments. Davis received her doctorate from the University of Tennessee and postdoctoral training at Washington University School of Medicine.

Also taking office on June 1 are Vice President Gordon L. Jensen, MD, PhD, and Vice President-Elect Simin N. Meydani, DVM, PhD. Learn more about the ASN Board of Directors online.

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