

President's Column

Who among us needs a long summer respite both from our regular jobs, and from our very robust activities at our annual meeting in Anaheim and our *EB2010* scientific sessions!!!!

As many of you have reported to me and to staff, Anaheim (which we feared as a dismal locale) turned out to be a very good venue for *EB*. Membership thoroughly enjoyed having scientific sessions both at the Convention Center and in our headquarters hotel. Our sessions were well attended and we are now receiving responses to a survey which went out to our ASN registrants [and those registrants who expressed an interest in ASN] to cull information on what worked and what might work better. I hope you will respond to the survey and we will let you know the results either in our online newsletter or in the September issue of *Nutrition Notes*.

The ASN Executive Board met prior to the official start of the meeting and decided to create a new interest group, the Postdoc Interest Group. The scale of interest in postdoc activities has been on the rise and this new group will, in similar fashion to the current Student RIS group, focus its efforts on postdoctoral education and development opportunities.

By the time this issue reaches you we will have had our third volunteer leader summit on the FASEB campus; about 40 member volunteers attended May 18 and tackled issues such as the state of our Society, diversity and inclusivity, best practices for group and meeting chairs, policy and advocacy, and strategic planning. This summit is key to our revitalized volunteer programs, which also emphasizes opening up more ASN volunteer opportunities for members. In response to our 2010 Call for Volunteers, we had over 170

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members indicate an interest in getting involved with the Society. We are working through this list and making as many placements as possible. We also held our very first National Dialogue, on May 19, discussing the topic of sodium. There were one hundred attendees in person and sixty-five on the webcast.

ASN will be providing written stakeholder input on the 2010 USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) Competitive Grants Program in Childhood Obesity Prevention. We heard from NIFA Director Roger Beachy at *EB* and will continue our dialogue with him, reinforcing the importance of basic research on behalf of ASN members. I will also present oral comments at the public meeting for stakeholders on June 2 in Washington, DC. ASN's concerns will be heard on this issue!

I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the sponsors who made our meeting at *EB* the success it was and has been over the years. Pictured in this issue is the metered sign with all of our sponsors whom we continue to thank.

Lastly but for certain not the least in our list of forward thinking and the addressing of our strategic map goals, the ASN Foundation is up and running and was discussed at the annual business meeting. Those of you with questions about the Foundation, its purpose, its organization, its officers should feel comfortable asking me or Jim Hill, ASN Past President, who is the President of the Foundation and mostly responsible for its successful start-up. I hope that you enjoy your summer.

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GPEC UPDATE AND UPCOMING PROGRAMS

It has been a busy past couple of months for GPEC since our update in the March issue. This issue's column gives an update on some of those activities and looks ahead to the ASN education and professional development activities in the coming months.



Family Physician Nutrition Webinars with AAFP.

The "Putting Nutrition Science to Work in Family Medicine"

webinar series has been met with a lot of interest on the part of family physicians. More than 500 registered for the Nutrition and Weight Management webinar with David Heber and Michelle May. There were also more than 300 that registered for the Nutrition and Heart Disease webinar with Anthony Beutler and William Lands. Participants of the Nutrition and Heart Disease webinar received a copy of a recent scientific advisory on the subject, "Omega-6 Fatty Acids and Risk for Cardiovascular Disease," to complement that presentation.

We're looking forward to the Nutrition and Digestive Health webinar on Wednesday, July 14, at 6:00 pm EST, which will be presented by Douglas Seidner and Mark Peluso. Sign up for this free webinar at www.aafp.org/webinars/nutrition, which is designated for AMA PRA Category 1 Continuing Medical Education (CME) Credit. Thank you to the General Mills Bell Institute of Health and Nutrition for their generous educational grant supporting this webinar series.

More Dietitian-focused Activities and CPE Coming.

ASN had more than 150 attendees participate in the Satellite Sessions on Friday, April 23, in Anaheim, CA, prior to the ASN Scientific Sessions and Annual Meeting at *Experimental Biology*. The full day of satellite sessions were sponsored by the General Mills Bell Institute of Health and Metagenics, and Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credits were made available to attending dietitians.

ASN also offered CPE credit at its recent National Dialogue on Sodium held in Washington, DC, on May 19. Stay tuned for more news about upcoming ASN conferences and other activities for CPE credit.



Good Turnout, Discussion with Endocrinologists.

ASN and the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists (AACE) presented a symposium "Therapeutic Diets for

Cardiometabolic Disorders: What is the Evidence?" in Boston, April 21. Sixty attended the symposium, and there were presentations and discussion about low carb-high protein diets for obesity, antioxidants

and vascular inflammation, diets for heart disease prevention and treatment and diet and exercise for sarcopenia and cachexia. ASN will post presentations from the symposium to the ASN web site as a resource for ASN members.

Expanded Education and Professional Development Offerings at EB 2010.

A special three-hour National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME)/United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) Item Writing Workshop at *EB 2010* provided training in writing good quality multiple-choice test questions for examinations in educational settings. We also offered our annual Education Forum "Nutrition at the Forefront of Medical Education" (conducted in partnership with the ASN Medical Nutrition Council), a "Women in Science and Medicine" Symposium, and the symposium "Does Physical Activity Alter Energy Balance, Body Weight, and Related Health Outcomes." Committees of GPEC have submitted symposium proposals to potentially have a similar presence in the *2011 EB* program in Washington, DC.

Reactants Needed to Balance Our Chemistry Product.

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. If you have an interest in any of these topics, please reach out to Justin Braun at jbraun@nutrition.org to get involved.

ASN is on the constant lookout for members to support our education and professional development activities through attendance and sponsorship. We're looking to continue to build our offerings to engage you throughout the year. As always, reach out to me at rwood@nutrition.umass.edu or Ryan Cliche at ASN at rcliche@nutrition.org with any questions or suggestions regarding ASN education and professional development.

Awards, Grants, Fellowships

The ASN Strategic Oversight Committee (SOC), 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 published two groups of awards in September and December 2009, added another one in the March 2010 issue of Nutrition Notes. These awards can be accessed on the ASN website by dialing www.nutrition.org and then click on Publications, then Nutrition Notes.

This effort to encourage members to nominate colleagues for these awards is directly related to the Strategic Oversight Committee's commitment to increase ASN membership in the IOM/NAS.

THE FOGARTY SCHOLARS AND FELLOWS EXPERIENCE.

Fogarty international clinical research scholars and fellows are students and early health professionals devoted to health research in the developing world. They are students, doctors, dentists, veterinarians, and other health scientists who are and will become leaders in global health.

Through a grant from the Fogarty International Center and co-funding partners at the National Institutes of Health, The Fogarty International Clinical Research Scholars and Fellows Support Center at Vanderbilt University works to provide mentored research training opportunities at top training sites all over the world.

The Scholars Program offers U.S. medical and graduate students in the health sciences hands-on experience at top-ranked, NIH-funded research centers abroad. Current locations include Bangladesh, Botswana, Brazil, China, Haiti, India, Kenya, Mali, Malawi, Peru, South Africa, Tanzania, Thailand, Uganda and Zambia. **Eligibility** for the Scholars Program: U.S. citizens or permanent U.S. residents who are: third year medical students; have advanced standing in a U.S. osteopathic or dental school, or are enrolled in a doctoral-level program at a U.S. school of public health, optometry, nursing, pharmacy or veterinary medicine. **Mechanisms of support:** Accepted trainees will be provided a stipend plus health insurance, round-trip travel to the site, visa, passport, vaccination and two weeks of training on the National Institutes of Health campus. Each scholar will be 'twinned' with a trainee from the foreign site. **Timeline:** Finalists are selected each spring. If selected, applicants travel to Washington DC, for the Annual Program Selection Conference held on the NIH campus in February or March. Scholars are 'matched' with sites and final selections are made. On August 1, the scholars travel abroad after a three-week orientation in July on the National Institutes of Health campus and an affiliated U.S. institution. Trainees are mentored by their home institutions after one year of research training is completed. Scholars have the opportunity to participate in alumni events and funding.

The Fellows Program is open to U.S. and international residents, medical fellows and postdoctoral fellows in the health sciences. It allows fellows to develop, propose and conduct research during their training year at a qualified site of their choice **Eligibility:** U.S. and



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international residents who fall into one of the following categories: medical residents or fellows; individuals in postdoctoral programs in the health sciences; individuals within 3 years of their last major degree training in the health sciences.

Mechanisms of support: Accepted trainees are provided a stipend or salary with benefits, round-trip travel to the site, visa, passport, vaccinations, and discretionary costs. Research training costs are covered up to \$15,000 and include supplies, software and other related costs. Fellows travel to the NIH Campus in Bethesda, MD for a two-week intensive orientation. **Timeline:** If selected as a finalist, applicants will undergo interviews for final selection. After a two-week orientation program in July on the National Institutes of Health campus, fellows start their year abroad in early August and are required to stay at their overseas site for 10 months. Alumni are eligible for future events and funding after completion of their research training year. A second year of funding may be available on a competitive basis contingent upon funding.

Council News



International Nutrition Council (INC).

EB was a great success last month in Anaheim, CA and although I reported last year that we had the biggest attendance ever – this year we surpassed even that!!! As reported at the meeting our membership is now around 1500, which is 3 times the number from last year. Because not all of our new members are new to ASN, some of this growth reflects an emerging interest in global nutrition issues as well as disparities in the US and elsewhere. We welcome these new colleagues and hope that participation in INC activities provides you with an opportunity to expand upon those interests.

However, as I pointed out at the meeting, we have lost some of our international colleagues. Therefore, we need to work as a society to figure



International Council on Amino Acid Science

Call for Research Proposals 2010 ICAAS Research Funding

Amino acids have become popular as dietary supplements and in certain situations may be consumed in amounts greater than those encountered in the normal diet. The International Council on Amino Acid Science (ICAAS) is exploring scientific matters related to all aspects of safety, quality and use of amino acids. With its belief that any use of amino acids should be based on scientifically sound and responsibly controlled data, ICAAS has held a series of international workshops to discuss how to establish a paradigm for determining and/or predicting safe upper levels of amino acid intake for humans under various conditions, and started an annual research funding program to invite research proposals meeting our objective specified below.

Objective: To enhance knowledge on upper limits of amino acid intakes by humans with particular emphasis on methodologies for assessing or setting upper intake levels of individual amino acids. **Funding priority goes to research that will be able to provide human data or data directly relevant to humans.**

Budget & Grants: Accepts proposals for up to a maximum of US\$200,000 including indirect costs.

Period of Funded Research: Up to 2 years

Application Deadlines: Applicants must submit a pre-application no later than **September 30, 2010** for the initial screening. Selected candidates must submit full applications no later than December 31, 2010.

Start Date: around April 2011 For more detail and instructions: <http://www.icaas-org.com/irf/>
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out the barriers to maintaining membership in ASN/ INC and identify ways to sustain and grow our membership.

We appreciate very much the enduring support of Kellogg for our INC Doctoral Student Competition. The three finalists were Julia Finkelstein from Harvard (Advisor W. Fawzi), Megan Parker from UNC Chapel Hill (Advisor ME Bentley) and Keriann Paul from Cornell (Advisor RJ Stoltzfus). Each student received a \$750 travel award as a finalist. Congratulations to Megan Parker for her selection as the overall winner. She receives an additional \$500 award.

The Kellogg Prize Lecture was given by Rebecca J. Stoltzfus, Cornell University. It was a thoughtful lecture, which underscored the contributions she has made to research on iron nutrition and tropical medicine, and her dedication to teaching and mentoring, but also led the audience to an appreciation of how unexpected research results can affect the dedicated scientist and public health professional.

At the business meeting, we also discussed that ASN is beginning to enhance its global outreach to nutrition societies and their professionals around the world. You can expect more from ASN in this respect.

ASN is also interested in helping the Councils to have stand alone research conferences apart from *EB*. We are currently working to develop a conference on HIV and nutrition, and will be looking for volunteers to help with planning, etc. We will keep you posted as things develop!

This is my last newsletter because on June 1, Grace Marquis from McGill University becomes Chair of the INC for the next two years. I will become Past Chair, working with ASN on their global initiatives. I want to take this opportunity to thank Bea Rogers for serving as Secretary of INC, Andrew Prentice for serving as Past Chair, and Ricardo Uauy and Lynette Neufeld for serving as Counselors. Please join me in wishing Grace well in her position as Chair; it is an exciting time for INC and she will lead our Council well!

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Medical Nutrition Council (MNC). At the 2010 *Experimental Biology* meeting held in Anaheim, the ASN Medical Nutrition Council leadership outlined goals for 2010-2011 and accomplishments over the past year.

Our major goals for 2010-2011 include [but are not limited to!!!]:

- Continue to provide strong *EB* symposia for 2011 (several outstanding symposia were submitted sponsored by MNC)
- Continue to support the Clinical Emerging Leader Predoctoral Student Competition (five \$750 awards to attend and present papers at *EB* each year; complete papers are judged among finalists; \$500 to winner)
- Continue and improve MNC electronic newsletter
- Help fundraise for Physician Nutrition Specialist Award (2010 Awardee Edward Saltzman, MD) and Clinical Nutrition Internship Program (medical student 8-wk mentored training + \$2500 stipend; only 1 funded this year)
- Increase internal recruitment within ASN, links with the ASN Student Interest Group (SIG); Continue increased linkage with ASN Graduate Profession Education Committee (GPEC), Nutrition Sciences Council, International Nutrition Council and the ASN RIS groups (e.g. joint symposia at *EB*, new networking venues to enhance multidisciplinary and multi-institutional collaborations, position papers, etc)
- Develop MNC/ASN-sponsored symposia and educational events, including webinars, independent of *EB*
- Facilitate ASN links with other nutrition societies (e.g. ASPEN, TOS, SNE)
- Recruitment of new members through national CTSA program and other health professionals databases and listserves; continue linkage with GPEC and AMSA for medical and graduate student recruitment efforts

The Medical Nutrition Council is also organizing a 2-day clinical meeting entitled "Advances and Controversies in Clinical Nutrition" which will be held in San Francisco, February 25-27, 2011. The format for the conference is invited lectures, workshops, break-out sessions, young investigator poster sessions and social/networking functions. The major themes are: 1) dietary supplements; 2) obesity, diet and disease; and 3) nutrition, diet and aging. This state-of-the-art conference is designed to attract an audience of health professionals with an interest in nutrition (e.g. physicians, PhD nutritionists, clinical dietitians, nurse practitioners, and other disciplines from both academic and non-academic setting. More information to follow online (www.nutrition.org) and in *Nutrition Notes*.

Finally, a warm welcome to incoming MNC Chair Penny Kris-Etherton, Distinguished Professor of Nutrition at Penn State University. Penny has played a critical role in helping guide MNC over the past year and we look forward to her tenure as our Chair!

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Nutritional Sciences Council (NSC). It has been an exciting year at the NSC, with more participation and a growing sense of identity within the ASN. The NSC business meeting at *EB* had wonderful attendance and many new members signed up to volunteer for NSC activities at both the business meeting and at the reception. Thanks to everyone who participated in planning these events. We were delighted to sponsor the newly named NSC graduate student competition (previously sponsored by Procter & Gamble) and enjoyed the high quality presentations by all of the finalists. Although the final judging among these excellent presentations was difficult, the three winners of the competition, Erin Glynn, Young Ah Seo, and Eric Ciappio, contributed outstanding work and we congratulate them! Also at *EB* this year, the NSC worked with ASN to host, for the first time, a networking reception to bring together postdoctoral and other young professional members to enhance communication among ASN's young professional contingency. This event was a huge success and the formation of the new PYPIG was announced. Currently, the PYPIG, in conjunction with NSC is in the initial planning stage of putting together a Tenure Track Success proposal for a special session to be held at an upcoming FASEB meeting. The PYPIG is also in the process of assessing the feedback received at the networking reception in order to build an agenda that meets the specific needs of the young professional members of ASN.

A survey was recently administered to ASN's young professional contingency to gauge interest in a number of possible presentation topics for upcoming FASEB meetings. The hope is that the newly formed Postdoc/Young Professional Interest Group (PYPIG), in conjunction with NSC, will host a "special session" at an upcoming FASEB meeting to benefit ASN's young professional members. Survey respondents included mostly postdoctoral fellows (22), as well as graduate students (12), research scientists (3) and young faculty members (2). Presentation options included things like: how abstracts are graded for presentations at professional meetings, how to succeed in a tenure-track environment, the academic hiring process, media relations, and grant writing. A majority of respondents expressed the highest interest in

"how to succeed in a tenure-track environment". While only 31% of total respondents were graduate students, this subgroup expressed the most interest in the hiring process and career options. Some open-ended responses worth noting were: "how to be an effective leader to run a productive and successful lab;" "thinking outside of academia: alternative career options;" and "how to form relationships across disciplines".

The NSC has been busy this year with several other activities including work toward better communication through improved presence via website and other social networking media. We conducted a survey to assess interest in different activities by our members. Results indicated that there is strong interest in a discussion board on the NSC website. We are now considering the most cost-effective way to implement this and whether to start something new or to use "Linked In" as a networking/forum tool. Survey results also showed that members are interested in the development and access to more online seminars for professional development. Other results suggested that respondents would like to know more about the NSC mission and activities; and that they would like the NSC to focus on more networking opportunities and more teaching/educational resources. Several respondents noted that they would like the ASN website to be more user-friendly (particularly the ability to set one's own password).

The now energized NSC will continue to work toward promoting translation of nutrition science across disciplines, and to support young scientists in their development as leaders. As we move forward, please send your ideas to us. There will be many opportunities to volunteer and to get involved, and we look forward to working with you.

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RISNews



From the RIS Director

The *Experimental Biology* meetings are always a wonderful opportunity to hear about the latest research, interact with your colleagues and make new friends. What better place to do it than through the Research Interest Sections (RIS)? The RIS represent ASN's strong commitment to provide community, interaction and mentorship by facilitating and promoting scientific exchange among ASN members who focus on specific scientific topical areas. Membership in a RIS offers an opportunity to meet, interact and network

with others in your interest area. It also offers the opportunity to participate in student/postdoc poster competitions, contribute to the scheduling at *EB* and provide suggested topics for the new ASN review journal, *Advances in Nutrition*.

Joining a RIS is easy; ASN members should login to the www.nutrition.org website using the fields in the upper right hand corner of the ASN home page. After a member is logged in, the member can click on "Update My Member Profile" and scroll down to the "Member Involvement" section. Members can select their council affiliation here and also select which RIS groups they would like to be a member of. A checked box indicates that they are a current member of that RIS. Click "Update My Profile" at the bottom of the page, and the member will be automatically enrolled in their requested RIS/Councils.

Currently there are 15 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 and Animal Nutrition, Lactation, Nutrient-Gene Interactions, Nutrition Education, Nutrition Translation from Bench to Consumer; Nutritional Epidemiology, Nutritional Immunology, Obesity and Vitamins and Minerals

The RIS are looking at new ways to add value to their members outside of the *EB* meetings. These might include webinars, forums and other types of meetings. If you have any thoughts or ideas for topics, please let the RIS Chairs know. If you have any suggestions or comments, please feel free to contact me at davisci@mail.nih.gov or Shirley Gerrior at sgerrior@nifa.usda.gov who will take over as the RIS Director on June 1st.

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Obesity. Congratulations to our new Obesity RIS leadership for 2010-2011:

Chair: Holly Wyatt
Chair Elect: Zhaoping Li
Secretary Treasurer: Sarah Colby

Advisory group:

Jeremy Davis
Student Representative: Elizabeth Ko
Past Chair: Caroline Apovian

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Aging and Chronic Disease (AGING). We had an exciting and successful meeting at *EB 2010* in Anaheim. The Aging & Chronic Disease RIS co-sponsored the symposium "Aging 2010: Challenges and New Opportunities for Clinical Nutrition Interventions in the Aged" on Saturday, May 24th, with presentations on aging population demographics, food insecurity, micronutrient concerns in older adults, caloric restriction, and controversies regarding clinical interventions for prevention and management of obesity in older adults. We also had two minisymposia and several poster sessions. We had a great turnout for our RIS business meeting and lunch on Sunday, April 25th, which included an interactive discussion of possible topics for position papers on nutrition and aging led by Mary Ann Johnson. Christy Tangney, Rush University Medical Center, was elected Chair-Elect for 2010-2012. Membership in our RIS group has increased to 261 members. If you are not a member of the Aging & Chronic Disease RIS, please sign up. Suggestions for *EB 2012* symposia topics are welcome.

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Lactation. The Lactation RIS had a very successful *EB 2010* meeting. All our events were well attended, including our Breastfeeding mini-symposium, "Factors related to early breastfeeding success," our Lactation mini-symposium, "Novel breakthroughs in milk and mammary biology: beyond the traditional nutrients," our poster session, and our business lunch. At our business lunch we said goodbye and thank you to outgoing past chair, Sharon Donovan. Lars Bode was nominated Chair-elect. Donna Chapman will serve as past chair and Laurie Nommsen-Rivers is the current chair for the June 2010 - May 2011 term. We are seeking a student representative to serve on the Lactation RIS team. Interested students who are planning to attend *EB 2011* should send their CV to Laurie at laurie.nommsen-rivers@cchmc.org. ASN members interested in keeping abreast of Lactation and Breastfeeding related research should check the ASN website and update your profile to include membership in the Lactation RIS. Even if you think you have already designated the Lactation RIS as part of your membership, it is a good idea to double check. You can be a member of more than one RIS. We are very pleased to announce that our symposium proposal for *EB 2011*, "Impact of maternal nutritional status on breast milk quality and infant outcomes: an update on key nutrients" was selected for programming next year.

The 15th International Conference of the International Society for Research in Human Milk and Lactation (ISRHML) will be held at

the el Pueblo hotel in Lima, Peru, October 8th – 11th, 2010. The theme is, “Breastfeeding and the Nutrition Transition.” It will be followed by a workshop, “Update on Human Milk Banking. Experiences and Challenges,” on October 12th. May 31 is the deadline for submitting abstracts. June 1 is the deadline for nominations for the senior scientist and new investigator awards. Meeting details, abstract submission guidelines, and registration information can be found at www.isrhml.org/meetings-conferences/15th-conference. A special thank you to Mary Penny and Rafael Perez-Escamilla and their committees for all their hard work in organizing this meeting—It promises to be fantastic!

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Nutrition Education (NE). We had a great ASN meeting in beautiful Anaheim. With the Nutrition Translation RIS and the Community and Public Health RIS, we co-sponsored a symposium called Dissemination and Implementation of Evidence-based Nutrition Interventions: The Translational Gap. Our speakers were Brian Mittman from the VA Center for Implementation Practice, Jennifer Anderson, from Colorado State University, Joel Gittelsohn from Johns Hopkins University, and Helen Chipman from the USDA. Brian Mittman addressed the scholarship of implementation and dissemination research. Anderson and Gittelsohn described two diverse nutrition education programs that have successfully bridged the translational gap and are being disseminated – one through a newly created small business venture and the other by building in a plan for sustainability from the beginning. The communities that receive this program then share it with their neighboring communities. Chipman provided information about program at the USDA that can provide assistance with implementation and dissemination.

In addition to the symposium, the NERIS sponsored two minisymposia and two poster sessions. We had about 35 people attend our business meeting. We sponsored a student abstract contest and chose three winners – Lamis Jomaa from Pennsylvania State University, Anantha Lakkakula from Louisiana State University, and Henna Muzaffar from the University of Illinois, Urbana. Henna has volunteered to be our next student liaison to the NERIS.

Plans for the next *EB* meeting in Washington, DC are underway. We plan to sponsor four minisymposia: Nutrition Education for Diverse Audiences; Nutrition Education to Prevent and Treat Childhood Obesity; Aligning Nutrition Education Programs and Research to Effect Change; and

Nutrition Education (which will be everything else that doesn't fit these topics). Please consider submitting an abstract for oral presentation under one of these topics.

Georgianna Tuuri of Louisiana State University is the new chair of the RIS and Suzie Goodell of North Carolina State University is chair-elect. Barbara Lohse of Pennsylvania State University has agreed to serve as the Communications Chair. The RIS will continue to grow and thrive under their creative and dedicated leadership. I want to thank Ann Ferris of the University of Connecticut for her excellent mentoring in her role as past chair. Congratulations go to Shirley Gerrior of the USDA and a member of the NERIS on her position as the new RIS director. Finally, I want to extend my deepest thanks to those of you who willingly volunteered your time and energy to help make the NERIS successful.

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Vitamin and Minerals RIS (VMRIS).

Greetings Vitamins & Minerals RIS members! It has been my great pleasure to serve as the VMRIS Chair this past year. The *EB 2010* VMRIS Business Meeting and Poster Competition was a great success. I want to thank all attendees and students for a wonderful meeting. I also would like to welcome our new executive officers: Chair, Carol Johnston, from Arizona State University (carol.johnston@asu.edu), Chair-Elect, Susan Zaripheh, from Sara Lee (susan.zaripheh@saralee.com), Secretary Treasurer, Lynn Bailey, from University of Florida (folate@ufl.edu), and our Student Representatives, Alexandro Gianfarcaro, from York University (alex12@yorku.ca) and Sherry Farley, from Oregon State University (farleys@onid.orst.edu).

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. This next year, the VMRIS will instate two new committees: the Subcommittee on Sponsorship and a Subcommittee for Nominations. These new committees will serve to facilitate donations and coordinate member recognition. More information on these committees will follow via our VMRIS list-serve this fall.

The VMRIS hosts an annual poster competition for graduate students and post-doctoral

researchers. We had a stellar group of poster presenters at *EB '10*, which made for an exciting forum and simultaneously difficult for judges. We are again looking for volunteers to judge the *EB '11* poster competition. At least four judges are needed - two each from vitamins and minerals areas. We do appreciate your willingness to serve as judge and you can email Susan Zaripheh, Chair-Elect (susan.zaripheh@saralee.com) if you are interested. Judges' responsibilities include reviewing abstracts, judging posters, and selecting the top posters for awards before the VMRIS business meeting. Students and post-docs are again encouraged to submit abstracts for the *EB '11* competition. The poster competition has been quite successful these past years, and through the generosity of our industry sponsors and ASN, 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 symposia? Please consider submitting proposals for *EB '2012* symposia on topics of interest to our membership. It may seem that the March 2011 deadline is far away, but it's never too soon to start putting ideas down on paper. 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 post to the VMRIS e-community.

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Nutrient-Gene Interaction (NGI). The Nutrient-Gene Interactions Research Interest Section (NGIRIS) 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 by signing up online.

EB2010 Activities: The NGIRIS is officially the largest RIS, with 396 members, an increase of 20% above last year. On Saturday, April 24, the NGIRIS held our annual business meeting and poster competition. Two trainees each received a \$500 travel award. The winners were: *Sinju Sundaesan* [Differential modulation of biomarkers of metabolic syndrome (MetS) in C57BL/6J mice by isomers of tocopherol]; and *Nicolle Fernandes* [The impact of d-tocotrienol and geranylgeraniol on

cell cycle progression and apoptosis in human and murine melanoma cells].

In addition, 2 trainees each received a \$250 Honorable Mention award. These individuals were: *Subhashinee Wijeratne* [Histone biotinylation is a naturally occurring phenomenon]; and *Nishan Kalupahana* [Anti-inflammatory and metabolic mechanisms by which omega-3 fatty acids improve insulin resistance in high fat diet-induced obese mice].

All NGIRIS members enjoyed a networking poster reception with the Vitamins and Minerals RIS. We thank Mead Johnson Nutrition and Dyets, Inc for their generous support of the event and poster competition awards.

New Leadership

As this *Nutrition Notes* issue goes to press, NGIRIS is in the process of selecting our new Chair-Elect by online survey. The current Chair-elect, Kevin Schalinske, assumes the role of Chair as of June 1, 2010.

Late-Breaking Symposia for EB2011. If you have a topic that you feel is on the cutting-edge and deserving of coverage at *EB2011*, the deadline for submitting a Late-Breaking Symposium proposal to the ASN office is September 1, 2010. Contact Tracy Anthony (tganthon@iupui.edu) if you have any questions.

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Nutritional Immunology (NI). Thank you for making this year's business meeting and mini-symposia at *EB* such a success. Thank you to all who attended and served as chairs, poster judges, and engaged participants in our various activities. Congratulations to our poster winners: Michael Valerio (University at Buffalo), Heather Paich (UNC, Chapel Hill), and Yao Zhang (Penn State). The poster session was extremely engaging, as were the presentations at our two mini-symposia. We will host the same two mini-symposia next year. Thank you also to Drs. Meydani and Beck for their efforts to organize a full symposium and summer conference for 2011. Details to follow.

At our annual business meeting, we conducted elections and are pleased to announce our new chair-elect and secretary, Patricia Sheridan and Raz Shaikh, respectively. We are looking forward to your leadership as we enter what is clearly going to be a very active era for the NI-RIS. This means we also thank Kathy Hoag and Barry Ritz for their service as they exit our Steering Committee and

remain engaged RIS members. Best wishes to all for a joyous and restful summer.

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Nutritional Epidemiology (NE). The annual business meeting was held on Monday, April 26th from 2 to 3:30 Approximately 40 people attended. Specific items discussed included the following:

- Recognition of the Steering Committee and a request for new members.
- The number and topics of the mini-symposia for *EB 2010* as well as our symposiums submitted for *EB 2011*. The Dietary Guidelines symposium was selected for next year's meeting.
- The financial state of affairs for our section; we raised \$2500 this year. A request was made for members to help out with fund raising.
- Communications with in the RIS and the how members felt about the new list serve.
- Our success with the webinars and thanked Regan Bailey and Ryan Cliché for their hard work in putting this successful program together. New ideas for topics were discussed:
- The need to implement getting student representatives for the mini-symposia for *EB 2011*.
- The highlight of the meeting was the Student Poster Competition. Michael Zanovec, our student representative, along with 2 members of the steering committee served as the judges this year. The winner was Shilpa Bhupathiraju for her work entitled "Greater fruit and vegetable intake is associated with increased bone mass in older Puerto Ricans" and the first runner up was Aziza Jamal for her work on "Plasma Vitamin D Concentrations and Dietary Sources among Puerto Ricans Living In the Greater Boston Area" both from Tufts University. Congratulations to them and their mentor Katherine Tucker.

Please note that Youfa Wang from Johns Hopkins University is the new chair of the RIS. Please feel free to contact him at ywang@jhsph.edu.

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Diet and Cancer (D-C). It has been a wonderful year serving as your Chair. I want to first say thank you to all of the individuals who have helped coach me through everything required to run the RIS and for those who volunteered their time and effort to make it great. Part of the fruits of our efforts is a large increase in our membership from 224 people in 2009 to 286 in 2010. This now makes us the 4th largest RIS. Let's keep up the forward progress, which means we

need you to talk to your colleagues and identify those who would benefit from being part of our RIS. Another obvious benefit of our growth was the increase in the number of minisymposia and poster sessions at *EB10*. There were two very-well attended minisymposia and seven poster sessions, which included 73 abstract submissions. We also sponsored the symposium on Dietary Regulation of microRNA Expression and Cancer Prevention. The symposium was a big success with more than 300 participants attending.

Attendance at our business meeting after the symposium was great this year. There were many new faces, as well as many we haven't seen in a while. It was refreshing to see the number of people who stayed through the poster competition so that they could participate in the business meeting. We identified the minisymposia topics for 2011 and they are: 1) Diet and Cancer (which will include macronutrients); 2) Diet and Cancer – Micronutrients and Bioactive Compounds; 3) Diet and Cancer – Translational, Clinical and Survivorship Issues; and 4) Diet and Cancer – Exercise, Obesity and Cancer Risk. *When submitting abstracts in November, remember to consider these minisymposia for oral presentations.*

Our poster competition received 40 abstract entries. The judges had a very hard time identifying the top 24 for the on-site poster competition, and then found it equally hard to identify the winners this year. All the students and postdoctoral trainees that entered are to be commended on the quality of work they are conducting. The winners were: First place – Eric Ciappio from Harvard Medical School; Second place – John Clarke from Oregon State University; Third place – E-Chu Huang from University of Tennessee; Honorable Mention – Chang Sheng Kuo from Chimei Hospital, Taiwan; and Undergraduate winner – Hillary Woodworth from Michigan State University. In addition to congratulating these winners, please join me in expressing my thanks to the judges: Sonhee Park, Holly Symolon, Sylvia Poulos, Susan Higginbotham, Norm Hord, Eva Schmelz, Young Ju and Huanbiao Mo.

Huanbiao Mo (HMo@twu.edu) will be taking over the reins of the RIS in June, with Brian Lindshield (blindsh@k-state.edu) who is the new Chair-Elect. Please continue to provide your support and time to them in order to help the RIS maintain its upward movement and growth. If you have ideas for new symposia topics or are just interested in being more active in the RIS operations, please contact them or myself (n-turner@tamu.edu).

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Dietary Bioactive Components (DBC). *EB 2010* in Anaheim was a busy time for the Dietary Bioactive Components RIS. We programmed six minisymposia and had several well attended poster sessions. Our business meeting and student poster competition were well attended and showcased 19 student and post-doc research posters. Congratulations the travel award winners:

- John Clarke "Differential effects of sulforaphane on histone deacetylases, cell cycle arrest and apoptosis in normal prostate cells (PrEC) and cancerous prostate cells (PC3)"
- Zhong Ye "Men and not women showed cholesterol lowering after 12 weeks of supplementation with secoisolariciresinol diglucoside"
- Fei Li "Exploring the in vivo and in vitro Metabolism of Glucosinolates by Human Gut Microbiota"
- Petra Tsuji "Role of the 15kDa selenoprotein(Sep15) in colon cancer prevention"

The judging was as tough as always and the posters continue to showcase the exciting work going on with dietary bioactive components. We would like to thank all the judges, Joshua Bomser, Stephan Crozier, Kelly Walsh, Barbara Lyle, Keith Harris and Susanne Talcott. Our new chair-elect for 2011 is Susanne Talcott from Texas A&M University, our new treasurer/secretary is Kee-Hong Kim from Purdue University, and our student representative is Jenna Cramer from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

We are already looking ahead to *EB 2011* and *2012*. Please consider submitting a Symposium Proposal topic for the *2012 Experimental Biology*. Symposia that were submitted but not accepted this year are strongly encouraged to re-apply. Team up with other RIS groups for development of timely and unique topics. Additionally, we are interested in refreshing the topic areas from 2011. Listed below are the minisymposia topics we have submitted in the past. If you would like to chair one of these sessions next year or have suggestions for new topics, please let us know ASAP, as the deadline is quickly approaching!

- Dietary Bioactive Compounds Including Botanicals (General)
- Dietary Bioactive Compounds I: Mechanism 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
- Fermented Foods and Probiotics

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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. If you are interested in joining, contact the ASN Membership Manager, Ms. Diana Tavares (DTavares@nutrition.org).

Experimental Biology was a great success this year, with a solid turnout for the "Hot Topics" talk and the RIS reception and student/postdoc poster session. Despite a challenging economy, stakeholder support for the group was stronger than ever, enabling us to fully fund the RIS activities and to provide six student/postdoc travel awards. Thank you!

Other good news is that the Energy & Macronutrient RIS continues to grow, with our current numbers well over 250 and climbing. With increased RIS participation comes the opportunity to foster additional cutting-edge minisymposia and symposia, and to help the ASN prosper and grow as a whole.

Writing this piece is my last duty as RIS Chair, and I thank you for the opportunity to serve the group over the last year. I have been so thankful to have collaborated with and learned from Kimberly Buhman and Malcolm Watford. Moving forward, the group is in excellent hands with Kim as your new Chair, and Doug Mashek as Chair-Elect.

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Student Interest Group (SIG). The Student Interest Group had a very busy and productive time during *EB 2010* and it was wonderful to see so many students who are active in the Society and doing a wide variety of nutrition research. To those who were not able to make it, we hope your plans will include a trip to Washington, DC for *EB 2011* as the annual meeting provides a wealth of opportunities for students to network with not only their peers, but the many distinguished and experienced members of all levels that make up the American Society for Nutrition.

We are pleased to report record numbers in attendance for the Graduate Student Breakfast, sponsored generously by the National Dairy

Council. This year, in conjunction with the breakfast, we held the final competition for the SIG Travel Award. Almost 60 applications were submitted this year, and the top 6 were selected as finalists to present their research. We would like to congratulate Matt Bruss of the University of California, Berkeley, who was selected as the 2010 Travel Award winner for his research entitled "Calorie restriction increases fatty acid synthesis and whole body fat oxidation rates". The other finalists---John Clarke, Anthony Thomas, Carrie Cucchi, Zhong-Ye, and Ann Skulas-Ray---gave excellent presentations on their work and the SIG was extremely pleased with the quality of the work included in this competition. Congratulations!

In order to sponsor the annual Travel Award, the SIG sells t-shirts and other items during *EB* to raise funds. The design for this year was submitted by Emily Carlson, a dietetic intern in St. Louis, MO. The "superman" design and blue color of the shirts were very popular this year. For those of you who didn't purchase a shirt, they are available on the ASN website at www.nutrition.org/login.

The SIG Special session on the role of the government in nutrition was very well attended, and not only by graduate students! We were extremely fortunate to have a very accomplished and experienced panel to speak at this student symposium. Thank you very much to Joel Kimmons (CDC), Robert Post (USDA), Pamela Starke-Reed (NIH), Barbara Schneeman (FDA), Linda Meyers (FNB), and John Courtney (ASN). The feedback from students about this event has been very positive, as many of the young members of the society aspire to positions in government jobs. Many students also say that the SIG-sponsored "Meet the Fellows" event is their favorite of *EB* every year, and we are grateful to Harvey Anderson and the other Fellows for taking time to share their wisdom and insight with the students.

The success of the SIG events was due to the tremendous efforts of the SIG leaders throughout the entire year. Thank you to Rachel Kopec, Sheau Ching Chai, Elizabeth Ko, Alison Keenan, Desiree Lavin, Lenis Chen, Paige Miller, Tricia Psota, Tom Ziegler (Executive Board Liaison), Matthew Rowling (Faculty Advisor), and Diana Tavares (ASN Staff Liaison) for your very hard work. Finally, it is worth noting that the senior leadership of ASN has expressed to us many times how much they value the input and ideas of the student members. Please become involved if you haven't already. Watch for e-mails about how you can serve as a SIG leader, or you can always contact us with specific ideas and suggestions on how to improve your student group.

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Experimental Animal Nutrition (EAN).

The Experimental Animal Nutrition RIS had an excellent meeting at *EB 2010*. This year's EAN RIS activities were sponsored by CJ America, Coca-Cola, Kemin Industries, Meiji Feed, Nestle-Purina, and YP Tech. We sincerely thank our sponsors for their contributions, without them we could not function. The RIS sponsored 3 minisymposia and co-sponsored a symposium with the Mathematical Modeling RIS. The RIS held its annual poster competition and business meeting on Saturday evening – both were very well attended and the buzz at the poster competition was electric! The officers would like to thank all poster competitors and their mentors for an outstanding display of 19 posters. Winners of the poster competition were as follows:

Postdoc: 1st - *Maria C. Gazzaneo* (T. A. Davis, Baylor Coll. of Med.), 2nd - *Carolina B. Berchieri-Ronchi* (K-J Yeum, Tufts Univ.); Grad: 1st - *Ralph A. Pietrofesa* (K. M. Barnes, West Virginia Univ.), 2nd - *Sara R. Sanders* (R. P. Rhoads, Univ. of Arizona), 3rd - *Siri M. Ippagunta* (K. M. Barnes, West Virginia Univ.)

We also thank Barry Bradford, Mazen Hamadeh, Jack Odle, Robert Rhoads, Julie Spears, and Chad Stahl for their service as judges in this year's competition. The EAN RIS welcomes new officer Kristine Urschel (Univ. of Kentucky) and expresses gratitude to outgoing Chair Sung Woo Kim (NCSU) for his leadership. Officers for the coming year will be Urschel (UK), Secretary; Kimberly Barnes (WVU), Treasurer; Rob Rhoads (UA), Chair-Elect; Matt Waldron (Missouri), Chair; and Sung Woo Kim (NCSU), Past-Chair. Julie Spears (Nestle Purina) and Jay Cao (USDA ARS Grand Forks Human Nutrition Research Center) will serve their final years as Industry Representative and Program Coordinator, respectively. The EAN RIS is soliciting a Graduate Student Representative for the coming year. Interested students are encouraged to send a brief statement of interest and CV to Kristine Urschel (klurschel@uky.edu) by July 1, 2010. Growth of the EAN RIS continues to be strong, but we need to continue to our efforts to reach out to new members. We are currently investigating the feasibility of a RIS webpage and are considering other ways to increase our communication and recruitment of potential members. If you have ideas or would like to help with recruitment, please let us know!

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Community and Public Health Nutrition (CPHN). The RIS co-sponsored a symposium at the Anaheim meeting entitled "Dissemination

and Implementation of Evidence-Based Nutrition Interventions: The Translational Gap”, several poster sessions, and three oral minisymposia: “Community and Public Health Nutrition Interventions” chaired by D. Pinero and K. Lancaster, “Consequences and Assessment of Household Food Insecurity” chaired by R. Perez-Escamilla, and H. Melgar-Quinonez, and “Real and Perceived Barriers to Availability of Healthy Food” chaired by S. Jones and S. Kranz. The RIS business meeting was attended by 41 members. Discussed were: 1) RIS communications, 2) new ASN journal for timely reviews, 3) election of officers, 4) graduate student and post-doctoral fellow awards, 5) symposium and mini-symposium proposals, and 6) policy on acceptance of funds. Christine Porter from Cornell University and Tan Chow from Michigan State University were the two student award winners. Sonya Jones at the University of South Carolina sjones@mailbox.sc.edu is the new RIS chair beginning June 1, 2010. Kim Harding at Micronutrients Initiative (kharding@micronutrient.org) is the new communications coordinator. Priyanka Chakraborty of the University of Georgia cpirya@uga.edu continues as the student representative.

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Nutrition Translation from Bench to Consumer (NT).

It was great to see everyone at EB2010. At the meeting our RIS co-sponsored two symposia including: 1) “Sodium in the Food Supply: Challenges & Opportunities” and 2) “Dissemination and Implementation Approaches to Move Nutrition Education Effectively Down the Translation Pathway.” Both sessions were very well attended and we would like to thank our speakers for each session for the excellent job they did.

In addition, we had a successful business meeting attended by approximately 42 individuals. Please look for 2010-2011 elections communications via the list serve.

For the first time we had a guest speaker Mark Cope who led an informal discussion on the topic of “White Hat Bias” which generated substantial discussion. Feedback from the meeting was a recommendation that we continue to have an invited speaker at future RIS meetings and that our RIS submit the topic of “White Hat Bias” for a symposia at a future EB meeting.

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CARIG. The CARIG symposium was held on April 23rd in Anaheim, CA, before the formal *Experimental Biology* meeting. We had a very distinguished panel of speakers at the conference. The James Allen Olson Memorial lecture was given by John W. Erdman, Jr. The theme of the session was “Carotenoids and Cancer.” Other speakers included Earl Harrison, Jonathan Mein, Mario Ferruzzi and Sherry Tanumihardjo. The CARIG RIS steering committee met immediately after the CARIG conference. Lewis Rubin (USF) is the current chair, Mario Ferruzzi (Purdue U) is chair-elect, and Sherry Tanumihardjo (UW-Madison) is past-chair. We voted in one new student member, Kara Bresnahan (mentor Tanumihardjo) to replace Nikki Ford (PhD expected, mentor Erdman). All other members on the Steering Committee have agreed to continue to serve. The CARIG 2011 conference will again be held on the Friday afternoon before *Experimental Biology* in Washington, D.C. The theme will be “Biofortification of Maize with Provitamin A Carotenoids.”

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All job listings may be viewed on our website: www.nutrition.org and click on 'jobs'

Academic

Assist Prof, Dept. Nutrition, Univ of Tennessee (5-20-10)

Assist Prof, Nutrition Sciences, Univ Alabama-Birmingham (5-19-10)

Postdoc in Cancer Prevention, Univ of Michigan (5-17-10)

Research Associate II, Public Health Nutrition, University of Southern Maine (5-12-10)

Associate or Full Professor, University of Connecticut (5-12-10)
 Assist/Assoc Prof, Molecular Nutrition, Univ Maryland (4-25-10)
 Assist Prof, Micronutrients, Penn State (4-19-10)
 Canada Research Chairs in Aging, Food, Health, Univ of Guelph (4-15-10)
 Instructor/Undergrad Coordinator, Human Nutrition, Virginia Tech (4-15-10)
 Lectureship in Nutritional Sciences, Univ College Cork (4-12-10)
 Postdoc & Graduate Research Positions, Univ Kansas (4-12-10)
 Postdoctoral Fellowship, Cancer, Univ of Michigan (4-12-10)
 Assist Professorships, Michigan State College of Human Med (4-1-10)
 Postdoc Research Associate, NRI, Kannapolis, NC (3-18-10)
 Assist/Assoc/Full Prof, Food Science and Human Nutrition, Univ of Florida (3-9-10)
 Assoc Prof, UNC-Chapel Hill (3-5-10)
 Research Assistant, Tenn State Univ (2-25-10)
 Postdoc Position, Child Nutrition Purdue Univ (2-22-10)
 Faculty Position, Nutrition/Rodent Behavior, UNC-Chapel Hill (2-3-10)
 Research Assoc Prof, UNC Carolina Population Ctr (2-3-10)
 Research Assoc Prof, UNC, Nutrition Epidemiology (2-3-10)
 Assist Prof, Exercise/Nutrition Science, SUNY-Buffalo (2-1-10)
 Postdoc Fellow, Univ of Alberta (1-28-10)

Non-Academic

Postdoc Fellow in Clinical Sciences, Nestle (5-14-10)
 Director, Global Food Security Initiative, Global Health, Population & Nutrition Group (5-12-10)
 Registered Dietetic Technician, St. Jude's, Memphis, TN (5-10-10)
 Senior Scientist, DSM Nutritional Products (4-1-10)
 Clinical/Research Scientist Rippe Lifestyle Institute (3-10-10)
 Research Dietitian Rippe Lifestyle Institute, FL (2-12-10)
 Senior Nutrition Scientist, Kellogg's (2-3-10)

Datelines



Dateline Canada ... with Gordon Zello

From the Canadian Nutrition Society... The Canadian Nutrition Society/la Société Canadienne de Nutrition (CNS/SCN) is holding its inaugural conference in June in Edmonton, Alberta. For more information on the CNS/SCN visit <http://www.cns-scn.ca>

From the University of Saskatchewan... Dean Dennis Gorecki completed his second appointment as Dean in the College of Pharmacy and Nutrition. David Hill was appointed Dean, effective August 15, 2009. Dr. Hill has been Executive Director of the Canadian Council for the Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs, and held past academic positions at the Universities of British Columbia and Colorado. He recently chaired the Blueprint for Pharmacy Task Force and provided input into The Vision for Dietitians...in 2020.

Shawna Berenbaum has been elected Chair of the Dietitians of Canada Board of Directors (2010-2011). Shawna also represents dietetic educators on the Partnership for Dietetic Education and Practice, and Saskatchewan public health nutritionists on the Pan Canadian Task Force on Public Health Nutrition. Carol Henry and Roy Dobson have received funding from our University and the University of the West Indies to continue their research on health education and promotion in Trinidad and Tobago. **Gord Zello** continues to work with Drs. Carol Henry and **Susan Whiting** on a project "Capacity Building of a Human Nutrition Graduate Program for Improved Nutritional Status in Ethiopia." **Gord** and **Susan** travelled to Hawassa University in Ethiopia recently to work on this venture. Reinhold Vieth, University of Toronto, recently presented "Wonderful Health News about Vitamin D...and why the powers that be are not ready to accept it," as part of the Edith Rowles Simpson Lecture series.

From Ryerson University... Yvonne Yuan was presented with the Canadian Institute of Food Science and Technology (CIFST) Institute Award for 2009 which honours a Professional member CIFST for an outstanding contribution to the Institute, having maintained and furthered the reputation and aims of the Institute, and whose efforts have stimulated others.

From the University of Toronto... The Department of Nutritional Sciences welcomes **Mary R. L'Abbé** as its new Earle W. McHenry Professor and Chair. **Dr. L'Abbé** replaces **Michael Archer** who remains a professor in the department. **Stan Zlotkin** received the Samuel J. Fomon Nutrition Award. **Ahmed El-Sohemy** has begun his sabbatical. On December 18th, 2009. **G. Harvey Anderson** carried the Olympic Torch on its way to the Vancouver Winter Olympics.

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Dateline Europe...with Ko Van Wouwe and Brigitte Winklhofer-Roob

From Austria... Twenty-three members of the ASN, including **Lindsay Allen, Stephanie Atkinson, Hans Biesalski, Kenneth Brown, Gerald Combs, Jr. Susan Fairweather-Tait, Frank Greer, Janet King, Klaus Kraemer, Nancy Krebs, Sean Lynch, Lynette Neufeld, Mary Penny, Christine Pfeiffer, Daniel Raiten, Irwin Rosenberg, Jacob Selhub, Noel Solomons, Patrick Stover, Sherry Tanumihardjo, Ricardo Uauy, Keith West** and **Michael Zimmerman**, formed part of the deliberations of the Biomarkers for Nutritional Development (BOND) conference. This conclave was held on the premises of the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna, with the sponsorship of IAEA, the NICHHD and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, for the purpose of determining the gaps in our knowledge about the application of biomarkers of nutritional status in research, clinical medicine and public health.

From Portugal... The II World Congress on Public Health Nutrition will be held in Oporto, Portugal from September 23-25 at their Customs House (*Alfândega*) Conference Center on the Duoro River. Members **Benjamin Caballero** and **Ricardo Uauy** preside over the Executive Committee, with Ibrahim Elmadfa, Luis Serra-Mayem and Noel Solomons as the co-presidents of the Scientific Program Committee and the late **Jose Maria Bengoa**, Igor de Garine, and **Nevin Scrimshaw** constituting the Honorary Presidents corps. For further information link to <http://www.skyros-congressos.com> and <http://nutrition2010.com.pt>.

From Spain... Deceased emeritus member, **Jose Maria Bengoa Lecanda** was memorialized in a special Tribute sponsored by the Spanish Academy Society, held in Bilbao in his native Basque Republic in June. A Memorial Book, collection of vignettes and testimonials from his many friends and colleagues was presented to his son, Rafael Bengoa.

From Switzerland... **Henri Dirren** assisted a delegation of nutritional scientists and public health nutritionists from the Vietnamese Nutrition Society with their journey to Anaheim and ASN meeting to sign an agreement with our Society on mutual international cooperation. Signing for the ASN was the President, **Robert Russell**.

From the Netherlands... Jack Newman from Toronto Canada was an invited speaker at the Breastfeeding Conference in Rotterdam (Capelle a/d IJssel) April 29. Other speakers included Nikk Conneman (Erasmus University Rotterdam) and **Jacobus Van Wouwe** (TNO Leiden).

Information for Dateline Europe should be sent to: **Jacobus Van Wouwe**, TNO Preventie en Gezondheid, PO Box 2215, 2301 CE Leiden, The Netherlands, TEL: +31-71-518-1758; FAX: +31-71-518-1920; email: ko.vanwouwe@tno.nl and/or to **Brigitte M Winklhofer-Roob**, Human Nutrition & Metabolism Research and Training Center Graz Institut für Molekulare Biowissenschaften Karl-Franzens-Universität Universitätsplatz 2, 8010 Graz, Austria Phone: ++43-316-380-5490 (Büro), 5519 (Assistentin) oder 5502 (Labor) Fax: ++43-316-380-9857; E-mail: brigitte.winklhoferroob@uni-graz.at; <http://hnmrc.uni-graz.at>

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 Baylor College of Medicine... **Bill Wong** was invited to present the "Doubly Labeled Water: A Reference Method for Energy Expenditure Measurements" at the Nutrition Journal Club of the Nutritional Epidemiology Working (NEW) Group at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Texas on March 12, 2010. **He** also was invited to present the results of the multi-center study "Osteoporosis Prevention Using Soy (OPUS)" at the Nutrition and Women's Health Class, Texas Women's University, Houston, Texas on March 22, 2010. **Dr. Wong** received an award from the NIH Shared Instrumentation Grant Program to purchase a Thermo Electron DELTA V Advantage Isotope Ratio Mass Spectrometer system for the Gas-Isotope-Ratio Mass Spectrometry Laboratory at the USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition Research Center to support protocols using the doubly labeled water method. The Laboratory currently serves as the Central Doubly Labeled Water Laboratory to support the NIA funded, multi-site clinical trial, Comprehensive Assessment of the Long-term Effects of Reducing Intake of Energy (CALERIE). **Teresa Davis** gave an invited lecture on "Amino Acids Regulate Muscle Protein Synthesis in Neonates" at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg, VA.

*From South Dakota State University...*The 27th Annual Nutrition Seminar was held on the SDSU campus March 15-17th. Invited speakers included: **Frank Greer**, Professor of Pediatrics, Nutritional Sciences, University of Wisconsin, Madison, "Controversies in Pediatric Nutrition Including Vitamin D and Iron Requirements"; **Timothy Carr**,

Professor, Nutrition & Health Sciences, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, "Managing Cholesterol Levels with Phytosterols"; **Susan Nitzke**, Professor, Extension Specialist & Chair, Nutritional Sciences, University of Wisconsin, Madison, "In Defense of... Food and Nutrition Professionals" and "Tips for Making a Difference in your Nutrition Education Programs"; **Sylvia Rowe**, President of SR Strategy, Adjunct Professor, University of Massachusetts and Tufts Friedman School of Nutrition & Policy, "Obesity - The Lens Through Which All Nutrition Issues Are Viewed Today"; **Martha Belury**, Carol S. Kennedy Professor of Nutrition, Ohio State University, "Fitting Nutrition into Your Genes: How Dietary Fats and Genetics Work Together for a Blueprint of Health"; **Bonny Specker**, Director of the Ethel Austin Martin Program (EAMP) in Human Nutrition at SDSU, and **Matt Vukovich**, Associate Professor, HPER, EAMP faculty, South Dakota State University, "Research Activities in the EAM Program"; **Matthew Pikosky**, Director of Research Transfer for the National Dairy Council, "Nutrition Strategies for Exercise Recovery: The Role of Dairy Foods and Ingredients"; Donald R. Dengel, Associate Professor, Director of Integrative Human Physiology Laboratory, University of Minnesota, "Adolescent Vascular Health: The Role of Obesity, Diet and Exercise"; Alvaro Garcia, Extension Dairy Specialist, South Dakota State University, "Raw vs. Pasteurized Dairy Products...No Contest! *Food Safety CEU's"; Kristin Biskeborn, State Nutritionist, South Dakota Department of Health, "Nutrition State of the State"; Robert Post, Deputy Director, Center for Nutrition Policy & Promotion, USDA, "The Process and Challenges for Setting Dietary Guidelines for Americans".

*From Texas A&M University...*A recently recruited post-doctoral fellow, Jen Monk, received a Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) Post-doctoral scholarship to study the impact of dietary polyunsaturated fatty acids on lipid raft targeting and signaling pathways in T lymphocytes in the **Chapkin** lab. Jen completed her PhD at the University of Guelph in Canada, where her doctoral work focused on wasting protein calorie malnutrition and its effects on immune tolerance hormones. **Joanne Lupton** presented "Public Policy in Nutrition: Where Does Science Fit In?" as a Distinctive Voices presenter at the National Academy of Science in Irvine California. In February, **Joanne** served as a panelist for the National Institute of Health's Consensus Development Conference on Lactose Intolerance. On March 26th Dr. Lupton presented "Front-of-Pack Labeling: Health Claims, Nutrient Content Claims and Nutrient Profiling" in Mexico City at the International Conference on Food Labeling: Opening the Doors to the United States Market. **Dr. Lupton** gave a presentation on the nutrition criteria used for the Smart Choices Program to the Institute of Medicine's open session meeting on the

examination of front-of-package nutrition rating systems and symbols in April. The Intercollegiate Faculty of Nutrition spring seminar series included presentations by Prakash Nagarkatti of the University of South Carolina School of Medicine, **Zora Djuric** of the University of Michigan, **Donald Beitz** of Iowa State University, **Catherine Champagne** of the Pennington Biomedical Research Center, **Maria Reicks** of the University of Minnesota, **Michael Wargovich** of the Medical University of South Carolina, **Kirk Klasing** of the University of California-Davis, Yuqing Huo of the University of Minnesota, **Camilia Martin** of Harvard Medical School, and **Sean Adams** of the USDA ARS Western Nutrition Research Center.

News from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln... The Nebraska Gateway for Nutrigenomics (NGN) is now on Facebook. Look at the emerging site and become a member. **Ji-Young Lee** has accepted a new position at the University of Connecticut and will be leaving Lincoln in July; **Ji-Young** will be dearly missed. **Janos Zemleni** has been named a member of the Micronutrients Genomics Project (www.micronutrientgenomics.org) of the European Nutrigenomics Organisation (NuGO). **He** also consulted the University of Birmingham, Alabama, with regard to an NIH T32 training grant proposal team during a site visit in April. **Janos** presented a talk entitled "Funding Opportunities for Nutrition Science" at a conference sponsored by the U.S. German State Secretary for Science and Education on February 23/24, 2010, in Bonn, Germany. Luisa Rios-Avila received a graduate student travel award from the College of Education and Human Sciences to attend the Experimental Biology meeting in Anaheim.

*From the USDA/ARS/Grand Forks Human Nutrition Research Center...*In November 2009, **Susan Raatz** joined the center as a Research Nutritionist. She came to Grand Forks from Minneapolis, MN, where she was an Associate Professor of Medicine in the Division of Endocrinology and Diabetes and the Bionutrition Manager of the General Clinical Research Center. In December 2009, **Leah Whigham** joined the center as a Research Nutritionist. **Dr. Whigham** moved from the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health. **Allen Levine**, University of Minnesota, presented the opening lecture "Why We Can't Stop Eating" for the GFHNRC Obesity Week held in February. **Forrest Nielsen** presented "Magnesium, Inflammation, and Obesity in Chronic Disease" at Internal Medicine Grand Rounds, UND Medical School, Fargo, ND on February 16. **Susan Raatz** and **Gerald F. Combs, Jr.**, participated in the Pulse Health Initiative Workshop sponsored by the American Pulse Association on March 30-31 in Beltsville, MD. The following seminars were presented at the Center: **Lyn Steffen**, University

of Minnesota presented "Differences in Body Composition between Hispanic and Non-Hispanic White Women"; **Kim Hyunsook**, USDA/ARS Western Regional Research Center presented "Prevention and Molecular Mechanism of Obesity-Related Metabolic Diseases"; **Kate Claycombe**, Michigan State University presented "Obesity-Associated Inflammation and Immune Dysfunction: Role of Adipose Tissue and Dietary Nutrients".

Information for Datelines Rocky Mountains and Great Plains should be sent to **Nancy Turner**, Texas A&M University, Nutrition & Food Science Department, 2253 TAMU, Rm. 212 Kleberg Bldg, College Station, TX 77843-2253, email: n-turner@tamu.edu

Dateline East...with Robert Jackson

From the Graduate Program in Nutrition at The Pennsylvania State University... **Gorden Jensen** gave the four presentations listed below. "Malnutrition Syndromes: An Etiology-Based Approach", ASPEN-Las Vegas, February, 2010; "Hyperphagic Drugs" – Dietitians of Canada, Calgary, February, 2010; "Fish Oil" –Canada, Calgary, February, 2010; "Obesity and Aging" – American Society for Nutrition, EB, Anaheim, April, 2010. At EB 2010, student members **Yao Zhang** and **Frank Duca** received poster awards for their research from the Nutritional Immunology and Vitamins and Minerals Research Interest Groups, respectively.

From the Division of Biobehavioral and Health Sciences at the University of Pennsylvania... **Stella Volpe** presented on Obesity and the Metabolic Syndrome at the American College of Sports Medicine's Health and Fitness Summit in Austin, Texas, April 7-10, 2010. **She** also presented her research on "Obesity and Diabetes Prevention", as well as presented on "How to Motivate Patients to Exercise and Eat Healthily", and was a part of a discussion panel at the South Carolina Cardiac Rehabilitation Conference in Myrtle Beach, S.C., April 30~May 1, 2010.

From The Center for Genetics, Nutrition and Health... **Artemis P. Simopoulos** attended the 'Demetrios Flessas' Tenth Annual Memorial Lecture and spoke on the "The Mediterranean Diets: What is so Special about the Diet of Greece? The Scientific Evidence" on April 15, 2010 in New York, NY. **Dr. Simopoulos** attended the XIV Madrid Nutrition Conference in Madrid, Spain on April 27-28, 2010 and spoke on the "The Importance of the Omega-6/Omega-3 Ratio in Health and Disease." On May 21-22, 2010 **she** also attended and moderated a session at the 3rd Congress of A4M Iberia in Lisbon, Portugal and spoke on "The

Omega-6/Omega-3 Ratio in Health and Disease." **UPCOMING EVENTS:** *The Center for Genetics, Nutrition and Health...* announces the upcoming Inaugural Conference of the World Council on Genetics, Nutrition and Fitness for Health on "Healthy Agriculture, Healthy Nutrition and Healthy People" being held on October 5th – 8th, 2010 at Ancient Olympia, Greece. For more information regarding registration, etc please contact **Artemis P. Simopoulos, MD** at cgnh@bellatlantic.net or visit our website at: www.cgnh.net

From the Department of Nutritional Sciences at the University of Connecticut... **Maria Luz Fernandez** participated in the Satellite Session "Effects of Diet and Phytonutrients for Metabolic Syndrome and Obesity" held on April 23rd at the Anaheim Hilton Hotel. She presented a half-hour talk on "A Multi-Center Trial Using Plant-Based Nutrients to Address Metabolic Markers" to a group of 120 participants. **Dr. Fernandez** was the keynote speaker at Centro de Investigacion en Alimentos y Desarrollo with her talk on "Functional Foods. Mechanisms of action of lutein and plant sterols" on March 19 in Hermosillo, Mexico. **Hedley Freake** is continuing with his General Education Fulbright in Hong Kong. He visited Anadi Nitithamyong and **Harold Furr** at the Institute of Nutrition at Mahidol University, Thailand and gave a talk entitled "Zinc and growth: from human deficiency to cellular homeostasis". **He** has also lectured on US food culture at a variety of locations both in Hong Kong and mainland China.

From School of Public Health at Yale University... **Rafael Pérez-Escamilla** delivered the keynote address 'Type 2 Diabetes among Latinos' at the IVth International Congress of Nutrition and Wellness, Tecnológico de Monterrey, Mexico, March 4. He also spoke about 'Childhood Obesity Prevention' at the obesity summit organized by the National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators, Washington DC, April 9. **Dr. Pérez-Escamilla** was the keynote speaker at the 'You have the Power! Small Steps to Better Health' community conference organized by New Hampshire's Office of Minority Health, Nashua, New Hampshire, May 1. **He** spoke about diabetes prevention to an audience of immigrants from Iraq, Latin America, Nepal, and Somalia. **He** also spoke about 'Latino Health Care Access Disparities: Implications for Social and Health Care Reforms' as part of the forum on 'Health Disparities among Latinos' hosted by the Central Connecticut State University Latin American Association, New Britain, Connecticut, April 29. **Dr. Pérez-Escamilla** is chairing the scientific program for the 15th Conference of the International Society for Research in Human Milk and Lactation that will take place in Lima, Peru, October 8-11. The theme of the conference is 'Breastfeeding and the Nutrition Transition.' For more information on this conference please access www.isrhml.org. **Susan**

Mayne gave a seminar at Dartmouth in the Cancer Control lecture series on March 9. The topic of her talk was using biomarkers to improve the quality of research on nutrition and health. **She** is also being inducted into the Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering in May. **Martin Floch**, Clinical Professor of Medicine at Yale, gave one of the invited lectures at the International Probiotic Association convention meeting in Miami on April 17 on "Probiotics and Host Metabolism and Energy Balance."

Information for Dateline East should be sent to **Robert T. Jackson**, Department of Nutrition and Food Science, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, 3303 Marie Mount Hall, University of Maryland, College Park MD 20742, FAX: 301-314-9327; email: bojack@umd.edu **His deadline for the September 2010 issue is July 15, 2010.**

Dateline North...with Darlene Berryman

From Iowa State University... **Richard Faris** and **Qing Duan** joined the ranks of elite student researchers when they competed in the oral session for the ASN/NSC Graduate Student Research Award for the abstracts to *EB* that were submitted for the competition. About 60 alumni and friends of Iowa State University attended the ISU Reception at *EB 2010* in Anaheim. **Mike Spurlock** was named the Virginia Gladney Professor at Iowa State University on February 22 and was named as a Co-Director of the ISU Nutrition and Wellness Research Center. **Suzanne Hendrich** was named a University Professor at Iowa State University. **She** also was named the Charlotte E. Roderuck Faculty Fellow for 2010/2012. **Kevin Schalinske** was selected to participate in the Dannon Institute's 2010 Academic Mid-Career Nutrition Leadership Institute in June. **Don Beitz** presented an invited lecture to the interdepartmental nutritional sciences program at Texas A & M University on February 15. **Lance Baumgard** officially was 'medallioned' as the Norman L. Jacobson Professor of Dairy Science on April 15.

From Michigan State University... **Elizabeth M. Gardner** received a NIA R01 grant to study Natural Killer Cell Responses of Aged Mice to Primary Influenza Infection. **Sharon Hoerr** received an Alumni Award of Merit from the College of Agriculture, Consumer and Environmental Sciences at the University of Illinois. **Norman Hord** presented seminars at Texas Woman's University (February 4) on "Dietary Nitrate and Nitrite: Physiological Determinants of Health Implications"; at Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital, Grand Rapids, MI (February 19) on "Vitamin D in the Prevention and Treatment of Chronic Disease: Approaching Evidence-Based Recommendations"; and at San Diego

State University (March 11) on "Diet in Cancer Prevention and Survivorship". **He** also attended a USDA Multistate Research Project (W2002) meeting (March 3) at Oklahoma State University on "Nutrient Bioavailability--Phytonutrients and Beyond". **Dale Romsos** received the Distinguished Scientist Award from the Society for Experimental Biology and Medicine [SEBM] at their annual meeting in April. Presentations at the Spring Seminar Program in the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition included: "Factors influencing the consumption of calcium rich foods among adolescents" by **Carol Boushey**, Purdue University; "The ubiquitin-proteasome pathway in healthy, active adults" by **John Carbone**, Eastern Michigan University; "Vitamin D: A D-lightful solution to good health" by **Michael Holick**, Boston University School of Medicine; and "The mechanisms and functions of fat taste in humans" by **Richard Mattes**, Purdue University.

From Ohio State University... **Robert DiSilvestro** participated in the Physical Readiness Planning Meeting at the Office of Naval Research, Arlington VA, January 14, 2010. Following an invitation by the United Nation's Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), **Hugo Melgar-Quinonez** presented on March 18th the seminar "Accurate Measures of Household Food Insecurity, Implications for Public Policy". This seminar, organized by Terri Ballard and Leslie Amoroso at FAO, is part of a collaboration project aiming toward the harmonization/validation of the Latin American and Caribbean Food Security Scale (ELCSA - Escala Latinoamericana y de Caribe de Seguridad Alimentaria) in the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, and Nicaragua. In addition, **Hugo** was appointed by Sesame Street to an advisory board of nutrition and child-development professionals to develop a program promoting healthy habits among low-income and food insecure families and children. The first meeting of this advisory board took place on March 12th in Washington DC. **Martha Belury** presented a seminar entitled, Effect of dietary fats on body composition and metabolism at the OSU Nutrition (OSUN) seminar series in April 2010 and presented a seminar entitled, Fitting Dietary Fats into Your Genes, to the South Dakota Dietetic Association meeting in March 2010. James Kinder, Department of Human Nutrition Chair was recently honored by the Washington State University Department of Animal Sciences with the Distinguished Graduate: Science, Education and Technology alumni award. Dr. Kinder graduated from the Washington State University in 1975 after he completed a Ph.D. program under the direction of Jerry Reeves in the area of neuroendocrinology. **Steven Schwartz** was selected as the 48th Fred W. Tanner Lecturer by the Chicago Section of the Institute of Food Technology and discussed "Functional Foods for Cancer Prevention".

From the University of Illinois at Urbana...

The Division of Nutritional Sciences was pleased to host David Thomas (National Health and Environmental Effects Research Laboratory, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency), Molly Bray (University of Alabama at Birmingham) and **Nikhil V. Dhurandhar** (Pennington Biomedical Research Center, Louisiana State University System) in its spring 2010 Seminar Series. On April 21, 2010, **Sean Adams**, (Research Leader, Obesity and Metabolism Research Unit, WHNRC and Adjunct Assistant Professor, UC Davis) was the keynote speaker at the Division of Nutritional Sciences' "Nutrition Symposium 2010", which was organized by the NS Graduate Student Association. **Dr. Adams'** presentation was entitled "Obesity and diabetes: Fertile ground for pathway discovery & integrative physiology". The College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (ACES) recognized the following Division faculty, students and alumni at its awards banquet on April 19th, 2010. **Sharon Donovan** received the Paul A Funk Recognition Award; Bryan White received the Spitze Land-Grant Professorial Career Excellence Award; **Manabu Nakamura** received the Karl E. Gardner Outstanding Undergraduate Adviser Award; Michael Plewa received the Senior Faculty Award for Excellence in Research and **Juan Loor** received the College Faculty Award for Excellence in Research. In addition, **Sharon L. Hoerr** received an ACES Alumni Association Award of Merit. **Kelly Tappenden** received the 2010 University of Illinois Faculty Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching.

From the University of Minnesota... Nutrition faculty member **Carrie Earthman** was selected as a "2010 Outstanding Dietetics Educator" by the American Dietetic Association. **Dr. Earthman** was one of seven nationally recognized DPD Directors to receive this award. The purpose of the Outstanding Dietetics Educator Award program of the American Dietetic Association is to recognize the teaching, mentoring and leadership activities of faculty and preceptors in CADE-accredited and approved dietetics education programs. **Carrie Earthman's** doctoral student, Lauren Beckman, was recently recognized for the quality of her research by receiving a "Promising Investigator Award" at the American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition annual Clinical Nutrition Week conference in Las Vegas (2/8 - 2/12/10). Her abstract, entitled "Changes in Gastrointestinal Hormones and Leptin after Roux-en Y Gastric Bypass Surgery", was one of the top 6 selected for the prestigious Vars Award competition from more than 250 abstracts submitted to the conference. She presented her work at the Premiere Paper Session at the conference, and then was invited to submit a manuscript based on her work, which will be published in an upcoming issue of the Journal of Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition. **Mindy Kurzer**,

director of the nutrition graduate program, was given the University of Minnesota Best Director of Graduate Studies Award, 2010. The University of Minnesota recently was awarded two NIH training grants, one in nutrition and cancer, the other in obesity prevention. Each training grant has 4 predoctoral and 4 postdoctoral slots for training in nutrition and/or epidemiology. For information, contact **Mindy Kurzer** mkurzer@umn.edu Marilyn S. Nanney has a paper accepted for publication: *State but not district nutrition policies are associated with less 'junk food' in vending machines and school stores in US public schools*, *Journal of the American Dietetic Association*, in press. She also received a two year \$75,000 grant (as Principal Investigator) from the University of Minnesota CTSI. Title: *Evaluating Obesity Prevention Practice and Policy Opportunities in Minnesota and Wisconsin Child Care Settings*. She also made the following presentations: "Impact of eating homegrown produce on rural families" Agricultural Symposia, West Virginia, March 3, 2010; "School policy efforts to reduce childhood obesity" to MN Legislator staffers on April 13, 2010; "Improving School Food Environments: Lessons learned from policy interventions" to Human Capital Research Collaborative. Hubert H. Humphrey Institute, Minneapolis, MN March 23, 2010; and "Barriers and Solutions to Implementing AMA Childhood Obesity Recommendations" at Medical Resident Program at Smiley's Clinic and Medical Resident Program at North Memorial Hospital, Minneapolis, MN. She was session Moderator and Presenter at Society for Behavioral Medicine national conference for Improving School Food Environments: Outcomes of an afterschool snack program, April 8, 2010, Seattle WA. **Joanne Slavin** recently gave the following invited lectures: Health Benefits of whole grains - Chinese Nutrition Society, Chengdu, China, April 2010. Glycemic index debate - *Experimental Biology*, Anaheim, CA.

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Dateline Southeast...with Kathryn Kolasa

From Auburn University. **Sean Adams**, Obesity & Metabolism Research Unit, USDA-Agricultural Research Service, Western Human Nutrition Research Center and Department of Nutrition University of California-Davis, CA was a guest of Auburn University's departments of Animal Sciences and Nutrition and Food Sciences and the Boshell Diabetes Program in April. He presented two seminars entitled: "Links between Intermediary Metabolism, the Krebs Cycle, and Type 2 Diabetes" and "Influence of Diet and

Obesity on Unique Adipocyte Proteins and Fat Tissue Inflammation”

From East Carolina University **Kathy Kolasa** presented at the North Carolina Dietetic Association’s annual meeting in April at the Research Triangle Park, “Serving Up Good Health: Hospitals As Leaders in Healthy Eating Environments.” The IN4KIDS study group, of which **Kolasa** is a cooperator, presented a poster, “IN4KIDS: Data from a study of RD integration into primary care” at NICQ Annual Forum for Improving Children’s Healthcare and Childhood Obesity Congress in Atlanta in March.

From Florida Atlantic University... Douglas Kalman, adjunct professor, has published in *Journal of the International Society of Sports Nutrition* and also presented at Miami Dietetic Association Annual meeting in March on “Supplement Use”. He was also keynote speaker at BCDA Symposium presenting “Sports Nutrition – Assessing the Athlete” and he presented at Florida International University Medical School on “Sports Nutrition & Applied Research”

From University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill... **Barry Popkin** received from the UK Nutrition Society its highest award, The Rank Prize, and will give the Rank lecture at its meeting June 29 in Edinburg Scotland on the topic “Contemporary nutritional transition: determinants of diet and its impact on body composition.” **Dr Popkin** also presented the keynote address at the United Nations April 14th to UN Commission on Population and Development on the topic “Global Economic and Health Change: Problems and Solutions”. Popkin presented lectures on his work at the National Cancer Institute and Tufts University. Gita Sharma has been awarded the Silver Medal from the British Nutrition Society for scientific excellence in the field of Nutrition. She will present the Silver Medal Lecture in Edinburgh this summer. In April 2010, June Stevens gave an invited lecture at the Harvard School of Public Health entitled, “Definition and Consequences of Weight Maintenance”. Stevens also presented a webinar to over 200 participants on-line in conjunction with the American Institute of Cancer Research. Liza Makowski was invited to the University of Kentucky for their Nutritional Sciences Seminar Series. She also participated in Duke University’s “Pioneering Women Lecture series for the Women in Science and Engineering. Makowski recently was rewarded a Nutrition Obesity Research Consortium Pilot and Feasibility grant. Erik Karlsson and Heather Paich (mentor: Melinda Beck) both received awards from the Nutrition and Immunology RIS at ASN in Anaheim. Alice Ammerman is part of a new 5-year, \$10 million grant from the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute that will help a team of researchers at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and East Carolina University collaborate

with health care practitioners and community leaders in Lenoir County, NC to better understand the causes of cardiovascular health disparities and test innovative solutions. Megan Parker (mentor: Peggy Bentley) won the International Student Research Award from the American Society of Nutrition, International Nutrition Council. Her winning paper was titled: The Feasibility of replacement feeding as an HIV prevention method in Lilongwe, Malawi: results of the BAN study.

From the University of North Carolina, Greensboro. Two doctoral students **Kristina Martinez (mentor: Michael McIntosh)** and **Bradley Ferguson (mentor: Ron Morrison)** were awarded a Keystone Symposia Scholarship to attend the “Adipose Tissue Biology” meeting in Colorado. Doctoral student **Mridul Datta (mentor: Martha Taylor)** has been selected as an abstractor for the Nutrition Evidence Library at the USDA Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion. Master student Tara Flint (mentor: Margaret Savoca) is the recipient of the North Carolina Dietetic Association’s (NCDA) Outstanding Dietetic Student Award. **Keith Erikson** is the recipient of the 2010 Mead Johnson Award from the American Society for Nutrition. He received this award at the Nutrition Awards Program April 25th, at the Experimental Biology meeting in Anaheim. **Debbie Kipp** has been named Chair of The Association of Nutrition Departments and Programs for 2010. **Keith Erikson** and **Ron Morrison** served on the NIH AREA Special Emphasis review panel while **Michael McIntosh** served on the NIH Diabetes, Obesity, and Endocrinology review panel held in December 09. **Cheryl Lovelady** is invited to speak at the Nutrition Society (United Kingdom) Meeting at the University of Ulster in Coleraine, Northern Ireland in June. The title of her presentation is, “Balancing Exercise and Food Intake with Lactation to Promote Postpartum Weight Loss.” **Amy Strickland** has been reappointed as Associate Professional Instructor, effective July 2010.

From the University of South Florida. A story featuring the obesity work in monkeys of **Barbara Hansen** ran in the St Petersburg Times noting that feeding regulation is a scientific mystery and monkeys metabolize food the same way we do.

Information for Dateline Southeast should be sent to **Kathryn M. Kolasa**, The Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University, 600 Moye Blvd, Suite 4N-70, Greenville, NC 27834; TEL: (252) 744-5462; FAX: (252) 744-3040; email: Kolasaka@ecu.edu

Dateline West...with John McNamara

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From Loma Linda University...**Zaida Cordero-MacIntyre**, associate professor, Loma Linda University School of Public and Center for Health Care Disparities and Molecular Medicine, School of Medicine, and two colleagues edited an April 2010 supplement of the *International Journal of Body Composition Research* devoted to the proceedings of a symposium hosted by Loma Linda University in September 2008 for the International Council for Physical Activity and Fitness Research. Along with **Dr. Cordero-MacIntyre**, who also organized and chaired the symposium, the editors were Franco Viviani, University of Padua, Italy, and Albrecht Claessens, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium.

The articles cover topics such as "Why do competition road cyclists have a low bone mineral status?", "Effect of the *EnBalance*, a culturally and language-sensitive diabetes education program, on dietary changes and plasma lipid profile in Hispanic diabetics," and "Body studies: issues and trends."

The International Council for Physical Activity and Fitness Research was established in 1964 and holds biennial symposia at locations around the globe. **Dr. Cordero-MacIntyre** has been involved with the organization since its 2002 conference in Tartu, Estonia.

Information for Dateline West should be temporarily sent to the ASN office, ameyers@nutrition.org, until we have a new Dateline Editor.

Dateline Latin America and the Caribbean ... with Homero Martinez

From Guatemala... In Guatemala, the 25th Anniversary for the Center for Studies of Sensory Impairment, Aging and Metabolism (CeSSIAM) commemoration is continuing. The Center presented a booth with a historical display of its 1985 to 2010 trajectory at the annual National Science Week; among the visitors was Rafael Espada, a research physician and the Vice-President of the Republic. The noted physical anthropologist, Barry Bogin, of the Loughborough University in the UK spoke in the CeSSIAM anniversary series on the topic of 'Childhood, Adolescence and Longevity: A Multilevel Model of the Evolution of Reserve Capacity in Human Life History'. In Anaheim, it hosted a reprise of the Friends of CeSSIAM Breakfasts at *Experimental Biology*, with 45 attendees who had either worked, studied, collaborated, published with or financially supported the work of the Center. The southern California trip afforded CeSSIAM Director, **Noel**

Solomons, an opportunity to discuss opening collaborations with the Beckman Laser Laboratory at the University of California at Irvine on a project of non-invasive, transcutaneous assessment of iron status. **Dr. Solomons** traveled three times to Europe. Two of the trips included visits to the Hildegard Grunow Foundation to advance the progress of the Rainer Gross Prize: Recent Innovations in Nutrition and Health in Developing Societies. On the trip in January, he also traveled to Oporto, Portugal, for a meeting of the Scientific Program Committee for the II World Congress on Public Health Nutrition, and to the Biomarkers for Nutrition in Development (BOND) consultancy in Vienna, Austria. In February, he also went to the northwest of Germany to explore collaboration with the Dortmund Nutrition and Anthropometry Longitudinally-Designed (DONALD) study at the Dortmund Institute for Child Nutrition. In May, **Noel** participated with the dinner meetings and nutritional panel of the II Creating Shared Values Global Forum in London, along with **Eileen Kennedy** and **Irwin Rosenberg**. A fourth trip to attend the Global Health Forum in Geneva in April fell victim to the ash cloud of the Eyjafjallajokull volcano. Nevertheless, **Noel** presented his talk on Micronutrient and the Millennium Goals: Novel Paradigms and Vexing Paradoxes in the symposium on The Global Health Challenge of Malnutrition: Can it be Defeated? via video web-camera from Los Angeles. Bruno de Benoist and **Ferdinand Haschke** provided the companion talks in the session.

In April 19-20, **Manuel Ramirez-Zea** and Ana Victoria Roman, from INCAP, participated in the Annual Oxford Health Alliance Summit that took place in New Delhi, India. In this event **Dr Ramirez-Zea** presented the results of a study on "Current capabilities and needs to face chronic diseases", which was conducted by INCAP and PAHO between 2007 - 2009 in all of the 8 countries of Central America and the Dominican Republic. This event was followed on April 21 and 22 by the Steering Committee meeting of the Global Health Initiative for Chronic Diseases Prevention, funded by NHLBI (NIH). Participants in this event included Manuel Ramirez-Zea, Ana Victoria Roman, and Homero Martinez, as well as representatives from the 10 Centers for Excellence around the world that are supported by this initiative.

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JUNE

8-11 9th Vahouny Dietary Fiber Symposium.

Venue: Marriott, 5151 Pooks Hill Road, Bethesda, MD 20814, USA; (301) 897-9400. Complete science review of dietary and functional fibers; Fiber and health claims; Fiber in glycemic control; Fiber in weight/satiety control; Fiber and heart health; Fiber and intestinal health; Prebiotics; Fiber ingredients; Definition and analysis of dietary fiber; Functionality of dietary and function fibers. Abstract deadline: **Thursday, January 29, 2010.** Contact: Susan Cho, NutraSource Research. Please send an email to: scho397@yahoo.com; or www.NSResearch.org

9-11 The International Society of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity (ISBNPA) Annual Meeting. Minneapolis, MN.

More information including registration is available at <http://www.togpartners.com/isbnpa/>

JULY

11-15 7th International Congress of Neuroendocrinology.

Rouen, Normandy, France. General information about the meeting arrangements can be found at: <http://icn2010.univ-rouen.fr> To be placed on the mailing list, contact: Dr. Sebastien Bouret, sbouret@chla.usc.edu

12-14 34th National Nutrient Databank Conference – Prairie to Plate: Exploring Food and Nutrient Database Frontiers.

Grand Forks, North Dakota, USA. The National Nutrient Databank Conference is held annually to foster communication among nutrient data base generators and users. Participation is open to researchers from academia, the food industry, government and other interested parties. **Call for Abstracts:** We invite the submission of original abstracts to be considered for both oral and/or poster presentations. Abstracts concerning all topics related to food composition data and databases are welcome, and abstracts related to the conference theme are particularly encouraged. Abstracts are to be submitted using our on-line system which will be available in December 2009. Abstract Deadline: **February 15, 2010.** For more information, contact Rachel Fisher at Rachel.Fisher@nih.hhs.gov or Marie Kuczmariski at mfk@udel.edu. **Registration:** Information will be posted at www.nutrientdataconf.org. Check back often for updates or contact Lisa Jahns at

Lisa.Jahns@ars.usda.gov. Proceedings from past conferences can be found there, as well.

15-16 International Symposium on Neuroendocrine Programming of Obesity.

[Satellite Meeting to the 7th International Congress of Neuroendocrinology – see above July 11-15] Rouen, Normandy, France. General information about the meeting arrangements can be found at: <http://icn2010.univ-rouen.fr>. To be placed on the mailing list, contact: Dr. Sebastien Bouret: sbouret@chla.usc.edu

17-20 Institute of Food Technologists (IFT) 2010 Annual Meeting & Food Expo. Chicago, IL. Visit the ASN booth for a special gift!

SEPTEMBER

23-24 II World Congress of Public Health Nutrition. Porto, Portugal. <http://www.nutrition.2101.skyros-congressos.com>

OCTOBER

5-8 The Center for Genetics, Nutrition and Health Inaugural Conference of the World Council on Genetics, Nutrition and Fitness for Health on "Healthy Agriculture, Healthy Nutrition and Healthy People." Ancient Olympia, Greece. For more information regarding registration, etc please contact **Artemis P. Simopoulos, MD** at cgnh@bellatlantic.net.**21-22 The Annual AICR Research Conference on Food, Nutrition, Physical Activity and Cancer.** Washington, DC. www.aicr.org/conference

NOVEMBER

6-9 American Dietetic Association (ADA) Food and Nutrition Conference & Expo. Boston, MA. Visit the ASN booth for a special gift!**10-13 Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students (ABRCMS).** Charlotte, NC. Visit the ASN booth for a special gift!**9-12 International Scientific Conference on Gastro-intestinal Microbial Ecology 2010 – GME2010.** Kosice, Slovakia; Tel: +421 904 837 153; fax: +42141 4000 123 Web: www.gutmicroecology.net

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FEBRUARY

25-27 Advances and Controversies in Clinical Nutrition: Inaugural ASN Medical Nutrition

Council Conference. San Francisco CA. for information to: rcliche@nutrition.org

APRIL

9-13 ASN Scientific Sessions and annual meeting. *Experimental Biology.* Washington DC.

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21-25 ASN Scientific Sessions and annual meeting. *Experimental Biology.* San Diego CA

2013 [APRIL]

20-24 ASN Scientific Sessions and annual meeting. *Experimental Biology.* Boston MA

2013 [SEPTEMBER]

15-18 20th International Congress of Nutrition: Joining Cultures Through Nutrition. Granada (SPAIN). www.icn2013.com

IUNS UPDATE FROM THE US ADHERING BODY – ASN

ASN was pleased to attend the IUNS Council meeting which took place in Anaheim on Friday and Saturday, April 23 and 24.

The Council, on the afternoon, that ASN President and ASN Executive Officer joined the group were planning on their IUNS task force appointments and working through their plans for their summer meeting and for continuing efforts to support the upcoming Congress in Porto.

Because there is such a good and detailed report on international activities in our Europe and Caribbean Datelines, we ask you to turn your attention to those Datelines and get caught up on all of the events which are about to happen. And please do not forget to count and identify the heads in the picture below -- these are the members of the IUNS Council who met in Anaheim. Enjoy!!!!





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