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KENNETH BROWN, MD
University of California, Davis

Dr. Brown is a pediatrician and nutritionist who received his medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Brown's research addresses the causes, complications, treatment, and prevention of childhood malnutrition in lower-income countries, focusing primarily on issues of infant and young child feeding, relationships between infection and nutrition, and control of specific micronutrient deficiencies, including zinc, iron and vitamin A. Dr. Brown is the Chair of the International Zinc Consultative Group; and he has served on expert committees of the World Health Organization, Pan American Health Organization, UNICEF and the US Institute of Medicine, and on the editorial boards of several nutrition journals. His accomplishments have been recognized through the Kellogg Award for International Nutrition Research, the McCollum Award, the Rainer Gross Award, and the Prince Mahidol Award.



PAUL M. COATES, PhD
Office of Dietary Supplements, National Institutes of Health

Dr. Coates directs the Office of Dietary Supplements (ODS) at the National Institutes of Health in its mission to strengthen knowledge and understanding of dietary supplements. Through a range of initiatives, he has established ODS as a strong and authoritative voice for rigorous science in dietary supplements and related areas of nutrition. In 2011, he received the prestigious Conrad A. Elvehjem Award from the American Society for Nutrition for public service in nutrition. He is lead editor of the authoritative Encyclopedia of Dietary Supplements, now in its second edition, and associate editor of the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition. Prior to his career at NIH, he was on the faculty of the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. His Ph.D. in human genetics was awarded by Queen's University in Canada, followed by postdoctoral training in the Department of Human Genetics and Biometry at University College London.



CUTBERTO GARZA, MD, PhD
Boston College

Cutberto Garza joined Boston College in 2005 where he serves as Provost and Dean of Faculties. Previous to 2005 he was full professor at Baylor College of Medicine (where he served as the associate director of the USDA Children's Nutrition Research Center) and Cornell University (where he served as Director of the Division of Nutritional Sciences and vice provost). He received his BS from Baylor University, his MD from Baylor College of Medicine, and a PhD in nutrition and food science from MIT. Dr. Garza's major research interests are in pediatric and maternal nutrition. He has worked on projects sponsored by the United Nations University (as Director of the UNU Food and Nutrition Program), World Health Organization, UNICEF, and other organizations. He served as chair of the WHO Steering Committee that developed the new WHO Child Growth Standards for infants and young children, the IOM's Food and Nutrition Board, and the NRC's Board on International Scientific Organizations. He currently serves as Chair of the World Food Program's Technical Advisory Group. He is a member of the Institute of Medicine and was named to the inaugural class of the National Associates of the National Academies of Science. He also is a member of the American Society for Nutrition, the Society for Pediatric Research and the American Pediatric Society, among other organizations. He was the recipient of the Alan Shawn Feinstein World Hunger Prize for Education and Research awarded by Brown University in 1996, delivered the first Founders' Lecture sponsored by the American Academy of Breastfeeding Medicine in 2006 and received the Conrad Elvehjem Award for Public Service in Nutrition awarded by ASN in 2008 and the Samuel J. Fomon Nutrition Award in 2011 (American Academy of Pediatrics).

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REYNALDO MARTORELL, PhD
Emory University

Reynaldo Martorell's research interests include maternal and child nutrition, child growth and development, the significance of early childhood malnutrition for short and long term human function, micronutrient malnutrition, and the emergence of obesity and chronic diseases in developing countries. Policy interests include global health concerns, particularly programs and policies in food and nutrition, issues dealing with hunger and malnutrition, and the health implications of changes in diet and lifestyles in developing countries. Current projects take place in Guatemala, Mexico, Viet Nam, China and India. Dr. Martorell is the Emory principal investigator of the COHORTS group, which includes investigators from the 5 longest running birth cohorts in developing countries (Guatemala, India, the Philippines, Brazil and South Africa); this collaboration carries out pooled analyses of the relationship between early childhood growth and nutrition on long term outcomes. He has more than 400 publications, many of them appearing in leading journals. Dr. Martorell is the Robert W. Woodruff professor of International Nutrition and in 2009 stepped down as chair of the Hubert Department of Global Health, a position he held for 11 years. He is Senior Advisor of the Global Health Institute of Emory University, a member of the Executive Management Team of the Flour Fortification Initiative, a Director of the Nevin S Scrimshaw International Nutrition Foundation, a Trustee of the Helen Keller Foundation and a member of the Advisory Board of the Cornell-Tata Agriculture-Nutrition Initiative in India. He was elected to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States in 2003. Prior to his position at Emory, Dr. Martorell held appointments at Cornell University, Stanford University, and INCAP in Guatemala. Dr. Martorell received a bachelor's degree in anthropology from St. Louis University and a Ph.D. in biological anthropology from the University of Washington. He was born in Honduras, Central America.



LINDA D. MEYERS, PhD
Institute of Medicine

Linda D. Meyers, PhD, is the Director of the Food and Nutrition Board (FNB) at the Institute of Medicine (IOM) of the National Academies in Washington, DC. She is responsible for a portfolio that includes nutrient requirements (Dietary Reference Intakes), obesity prevention, food safety, and international, military, and specific population nutrition. She also directed the FNB's international nutrition program from 1982-1986. From 1986-2001 she served as Senior Nutrition Advisor, Deputy Director, and Acting Director in the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, Department of Health and Human Services. While there, she oversaw preparation of technical and policy reports, including the 1990, 1995, and 2000 Dietary Guidelines for Americans, the U.S. Action Plan on Food Security, and Healthy People 2010. She also managed the HHS Nutrition Policy Board, the presidential/congressional National Nutrition Monitoring Advisory Committee, and government-wide committees on human nutrition research and on nutrition monitoring. Dr. Meyers has a B.A. in health and physical education from Goshen College in Indiana (1968), an M.S. in food and nutrition from Colorado State University (1974), and a Ph.D. in nutritional sciences from Cornell University (1978). Her research focused on population indicators of nutritional status. She has worked in Botswana, Kenya and Viet Nam. Dr. Meyers has received a number of awards for her contributions to public health, including the Secretary's Distinguished Service Award for Healthy People 2010, the Conrad A. Elvehjem Award for Public Service in Nutrition from the American Society for Nutrition, the Institute of Medicine's Cecil Award, the National Academies Group Distinguished Service awards for The DRI's Essential Guide and for The Weight of the Nation film series, and the Surgeon General's Medallion.

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JOHN MILNER, PhD
U.S. Department of Agriculture

John Milner is currently the Director and Senior Scientist at the USDA Beltsville Human Nutrition Center. Dr. Milner earned a Ph.D. from Cornell University in nutrition, with a minor in biochemistry and physiology and a B.S. in animal sciences from Oklahoma State University. He is a fellow in the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the Institute of Food Technologists, as well as an Honorary Member of the Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics. From 2000 to 2012, he was Chief of the Nutritional Science Research Group in the Division of Cancer Prevention at the National Cancer Institute. From 1989 to 2000, he was Head of and a Professor in the Department of Nutrition at The Pennsylvania State University where he also served as Director of the Graduate Program in Nutrition. Before joining Penn State, he was a faculty member for 13 years in the Food Science Department at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, where he served as the Director of the Division of Nutritional Sciences and as an Assistant Director of the Agricultural Experiment Station.

Dr. Milner has published more than 225 book chapters, monographs, and journal articles. He serves on the editorial boards for *Food and Nutrition Research*, *Frontiers in Nutrigenomics*, *Nutrition and Cancer*, *Nutrfood*, *Journal of Nutritional Biochemistry*, *Journal of Alternative and Complementary Medicine*, *Journal of Ovarian Research*, and *The Journal of Medical Foods*. He is a Senior Editor for *Cancer Prevention Research* and an Associate Editor for the *International Journal for Nutrigenetics and Nutrigenomics*.



A. CATHARINE ROSS, PhD
The Pennsylvania State University

Catharine Ross received her undergraduate education at the University of California at Davis (B.S., zoology, 1970). Her interest in nutrition was first stimulated by a course given by Doris Calloway, at Berkeley. For graduate school, she went to Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, where she completed an M.N.S., 1972, in Nutrition and a Ph.D., 1976, in Biochemistry, Molecular & Cell Biology), both with Donald B. Zilversmit as academic advisor.

From 1976-78, she was a postdoctoral fellow in the laboratory of DeWitt S. Goodman in the Department of Medicine, Columbia University. From 1978-1994, she held faculty positions from Assistant Professor to Professor at the Medical College of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. In 1994, she assumed her current position as Professor of Nutrition and occupant of the Dorothy Foehr Huck Chair in the Department of Nutritional Sciences, Pennsylvania State University.

Dr. Ross' recognitions include election to the National Academy of Sciences and as a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in 2003. Recently, she chaired the IOM committee on Dietary Reference Intakes for Calcium and Vitamin D. She is an editor of the reference book "Modern Nutrition in Health and Disease," and is currently completing her second term as editor-in-chief of *The Journal of Nutrition*. Dr. Ross has conducted research in the area of retinoid metabolism and homeostasis since the mid-1970s, and in the area of vitamin A/retinoids as regulators of immune function since the late 1980s.



JACOB SELHUB, PhD
Jean Mayer USDA HNRCA at Tufts University

Jacob Selhub is a nutritional biochemist with expertise in folic acid and other B vitamins. He serves as a senior scientist and director of the Vitamin Metabolism Laboratory at the Jean Mayer USDA Human Nutrition Research Center on Aging and as a Professor in the School of Nutrition at Tufts University. Dr. Selhub received his Bachelor degree from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and his Ph.D. degree in Biochemistry from Case-Western Reserve University. He joined the faculty at Tufts University in 1987 after

serving for 12 years as a faculty member at the University of Chicago.

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Dr. Selhub's interest is on the metabolism, intestinal absorption and nutritional requirement of folic acid and other B vitamins in health and disease with emphasis on the relationship to aging. He is the author of over 300 peer reviewed articles, book chapters and reviews, with significant investigations into the associations between homocysteine, B vitamin metabolism and diseases that afflict the elderly.

Dr. Selhub's most recent interest is on the impact of folic acid fortification in the US with emphasis on excessive intake of folic acid in those elderly who are vitamin B12 deficient. He was invited to a recent conference on micronutrients deficiency and has recently been awarded a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to develop a method for the simultaneous measurements of several micronutrients. Dr. Selhub is the recipient of a number of awards.



ALLEN TAYLOR, PhD
Jean Mayer USDA HNRCA at Tufts University

Allen Taylor is Director of Laboratory for Nutrition and Vision Research, USDA Human Nutrition Research Center on Aging, and Professor of Biochemistry, Nutrition, and Ophthalmology, at Tufts University, Boston, MA. His main areas of research are in elucidating how cellular protein quality control machinery is involved in maintaining proteopose (the balance of proteins synthesis, modification and degradation), and the effects or perturbation of proteopose

when cells are confronted by environmental stresses. Stresses which have been studied include oxidative stress, glycative stress, and aging. He seeks to translate this biochemical knowledge into human food policy by completing large human epidemiologic surveys and animal experiments to determine relations between intake of specific types of foods and lens and retina function.

Dr. Taylor received his BS in Chemistry from the City College of New York in 1967 and his PhD in Organic and Biochemistry from Rutgers University in 1973. He is also a recipient of the Fulbright Senior Scholar Award and the Guggenheim Fellowship. His work is regularly featured in many news media throughout the world.



CATHERINE WOTEKI, PhD
U.S. Department of Agriculture

Dr. Cathie Woteki is Under Secretary for United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Research, Education, and Economics (REE) mission area, and the Department's Chief Scientist. Before joining USDA, Dr. Woteki served as Global Director of Scientific Affairs for Mars, Incorporated, where she managed the company's scientific policy and research on matters of health, nutrition, and food safety. From 2002 to 2005, she was Dean of Agriculture

and Professor of Human Nutrition at Iowa State University. Dr. Woteki served as the first Under Secretary for Food Safety at USDA from 1997 to 2001, where she oversaw U.S. Government food safety policy development and USDA's continuity of operations planning.

Prior to USDA, Dr. Woteki served in the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy as Deputy Associate Director for Science from 1994 to 1996. During that time she co-authored the Clinton Administration's policy statement, "Science in the National Interest." Dr. Woteki has also held positions in the National Center for Health Statistics of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Human Nutrition Information Service at USDA, and as Director of the Food and Nutrition Board of the Institute of Medicine at the National Academy of Sciences. In 1999, Dr. Woteki was elected to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences. She received her M.S. and Ph.D. in Human Nutrition from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (1974).