



American Society for Nutrition
Excellence in Nutrition Research and Practice
www.nutrition.org

Contact: Suzanne Price
(301) 634-7235
sprice@nutrition.org

ASN CONGRATULATES NHANES ON 50 YEARS, HOSTS RECEPTION

November 4, 2009—The American Society for Nutrition (ASN) is pleased to partner with other public health organizations to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) with a program on Capitol Hill today. The program features CDC Director Dr. Tom Frieden and congressional champions Rep. Rosa DeLauro and Senator Tom Harkin. Dr. Edward Sondik, Director of the National Center for Health Statistics, will also make remarks. “ASN is pleased to be a part of the momentous anniversary of a survey that provides essential health and nutrition data on the American population. This data has helped inform major nutrition policy decisions from food fortification to the Dietary Guidelines for Americans,” said ASN President James O. Hill.

NHANES has been monitoring the health of the American people since 1959. The program will celebrate the vital role of the NHANES for half a century in helping us to understand the health and nutritional status of the American people and guiding our efforts to improve health. The program will review changes in health measures tracked over the past fifty years thanks to the NHANES—including critical information about risk factors and disease, body measurements, trends in environmental exposures, and other key measures of health.

The American Society for Nutrition (ASN) is the preeminent professional organization for nutrition research scientists and clinicians around the world. ASN is dedicated to bringing together the top nutrition researchers, medical practitioners, policy makers and industry leaders to advance our knowledge and application of nutrition. Founded in 1928, ASN publishes The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition (AJCN) and the Journal of Nutrition (JN). Visit ASN online at www.nutrition.org.

###