



**Message From the President:
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We are just over two months away from the [Scientific Sessions & Annual Meeting](#), March 28-April 1, in my city of Boston! I'd like to personally invite you to the [Presidential Symposium](#), "Nutrition and Developmental Origins of Health and Disease," which takes place Sunday, March 29, 10:30 am-12:30 pm.

We continue to ask for member input on the new ASN Scientific Sessions and Annual Meeting launching in 2018. In addition to voting upon [preferred meeting elements](#), members are providing their feedback on [possible locations](#). The crowd-sourcing platform we are using to collect this data asks you to select one choice from a pair - although you can say "I can't decide" if you are equally torn between the two. The software presents different pairs on a continuous loop. You can also submit your own suggestion (in the white box reading "Add your own idea here"). One of the greatest things offered by this survey instrument is total transparency. By clicking "View Results" in the upper righthand area, you can see detailed data. You may be interested to hear that the [top 3 locations](#) currently trending are: Seattle, Denver and Hawaii.

Volunteers are at the heart of ASN's work - providing leadership and shaping our many programs. We're looking to recruit dedicated members to add to our diverse and multidisciplinary cadre of volunteer leaders. Please complete the [Call for Volunteers Survey](#) to indicate your interest in serving as a volunteer; incoming ASN President Dr. Patrick Stover (2015-16) will consider your requests as he makes appointments over the next several months.

Don't miss the opportunity to [provide comments](#) on the newly released FASEB report, "Sustaining Discovery in the Biological and Medical Sciences." The viewpoints of nutrition science programs and investigators are critical. I look forward to seeing you all in Boston!

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Upcoming Deadlines

January 20. ASN [MARC Travel Award](#).

January 21. ASN [SIG Travel Award](#).

January 21. EB 2015 [late-breaking abstract](#) submission.

January 22. National Postdoctoral Association's [2015 Mentor Award](#).

February 2. EB 2015 [discounted registration](#) ends.

February 2. Nominations for [Volunteer of the Year Award](#), [Sustaining Partner Roundtable Award of Distinction](#) and [Korean Nutrition Society Award](#).

February 15. ASN Global Nutrition Council [Travel Award: Early-Career Faculty/Researcher in Low- or Middle-Income Country](#).

February 16. ASN [Clinical Nutrition Internship Program](#).

February 23. EB 2015 [discounted housing](#).

May 1. [King Faisal International Prize](#) for Medicine nominations.

Upcoming Meetings

February 26-28. [Southern Society for Clinical Investigation's](#) Southern Regional Meeting. New Orleans, LA.

March 2-6. [John Milner Nutrition & Cancer Prevention Practicum](#). Rockville, MD.

Annual Meeting

ASN Scientific Sessions & Annual Meeting at EB 2015

ASN's 79th Scientific Sessions & Annual Meeting at Experimental Biology is just a few months away! The meeting will be held March 28-April 1 in Boston, MA. Make sure to [register by February 2](#) to save up to \$130! Registration rates will increase after February 2. This year's program features [cutting-edge symposia](#); read about all of the exciting sessions and start planning today! The headquarters hotel for ASN is the [Renaissance Boston Waterfront](#). This hotel and many others are starting to sell out - book your housing soon! *Free shuttle service will be provided to hotels in the EB 2015 housing block.*

Late-Breaking Abstracts

Contribute to knowledge around emerging topics in nutrition by submitting a [late-breaking abstract](#)! This year, ASN is offering eight late-breaking abstract categories, listed below. The deadline to submit a late-breaking abstract is **Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at 11:59pm EST.**

- 300 - ASN Variability in Responses to Diet and Food
- 301 - ASN Nutrition on Healthy Growth, Development and Reproduction
- 302 - ASN Disease Prevention, Progression and Treatment
- 303 - ASN Nutrition-Related Behaviors
- 304 - ASN Food Supply and Environment
- 305 - ASN Vitamins, Minerals, and Bioactives
- 306 - ASN Energy and Nutrient Metabolism
- 307 - ASN Community, Public Health and Global Nutrition

Visiting Boston

While you're in Boston, make sure to experience all the city has to offer! Boston has both a rich history and a distinctly modern feel. Plan a walk along the **Freedom Trail**, a 2.5-mile route that leads you through 16 historically significant sites. Or relax at the new **Boston Waterfront**, home to dozens of restaurants and museums. Science, sightseeing and history are all possible when you visit Boston for the ASN Scientific Sessions and Annual Meeting!



Special Awards: Call for Nominations

Many awards for senior investigators, senior educators, senior mentors, and young investigators will be presented at the ASN Awards Ceremony at EB 2015. In addition, ASN will extend several special awards as described below. Nominations are now open for these awards; please send a statement describing the candidate's suitability for the award and a CV to awards@nutrition.org by Monday, February 2.

- **Korean Nutrition Society (KNS) Award**

Given to improve understanding and co-operation between KNS and ASN in nutritional matters of common interest and concern, and to promote excellence in nutrition research.

[Additional Details](#)

- **Sustaining Partner Roundtable Award of Distinction**

Given to recognize the outstanding contributions of time, talent and leadership made by an individual ASN member representing a Sustaining Partner company.

[Additional Details](#)

- **Volunteer of the Year Award**

Given to recognize the significant service that volunteers provide to enhance, promote and support the activities and programs of ASN.

[Additional Details](#)

#ACCN14

ASN Advances and Controversies in Clinical Nutrition 2014

ACCN14 was another successful conference with controversy sessions, hot

March 28-April 1. ASN [Scientific Sessions & Annual Meeting](#) at EB 2015. Boston, MA.

April 23-25. [International Conference on Sarcopenia and Frailty Research](#). Boston, MA.



DRI Workshop

The Dietary Reference Intakes (DRI) Committees of the U.S. and Canadian governments will hold a workshop entitled "Options for Consideration of Chronic Disease Endpoints for Dietary Reference Intakes (DRIs)." The objective of the workshop is to critically evaluate key scientific issues involved in using chronic disease endpoints for setting DRIs, and in this context, to provide information for future decisions as to whether and/or how chronic disease endpoints can be incorporated into the setting of DRI values.

In preparation for this meeting, the U.S. DRI Committee is asking for public comment on the set of questions that the meeting panelists will discuss. These key questions and additional information on this workshop is available at www.health.gov/dri/. Public comments are to be submitted via email to DRI@hhs.gov by **January 30, 2015.**

topics and sponsored satellite programs. Read the [wrap-up](#), and help us plan for 2015 and beyond! Whether you attended this year's meeting or not, please take our [quick survey](#) to provide your thoughts on potential topics, speakers and locations.



Public Policy News and Comment Period

The 114th Congressional members have been sworn in and business has begun. The commitment to getting things done soon after the election may be difficult as the issues to be tackled in these early days are amendments to the Affordable Care Act and votes on the Keystone Pipeline which were divisive in the 113th Congress.

The USDA's [National Institute of Food and Agriculture announced](#) the availability of more than \$15 million for fellowships to train and develop the next generation of agricultural scientists. NIFA will support pre- and post-doctoral fellowships, and for the first time, undergraduate fellowships. Applications for the pre- and post-doctoral fellows are due on Feb. 11. Letters of intent for the undergraduate fellowships are due on Feb. 18 with full applications due May 6.

Comment Period: Sustaining Discovery Report

FASEB launched a [webpage](#) soliciting feedback on their proposed framework for "[Sustaining Discovery in Biological and Medical Sciences](#)." An article on this discussion framework was also posted by [Science magazine](#).

A **45-day comment period is open**, a suggestion that originated with ASN. A summary report of comments will be reviewed by the FASEB Board and provided to the community. Members of ASN's Nutritional Sciences Council can also expect to discuss this report at the Council Business Meeting on Saturday, March 28 (during ASN's [Scientific Sessions at EB 2015](#)).

Visit the [ASN website](#) to read the entire policy update.

Journal Highlights

Special note: AJCN and JN are being published on the first of the month, effective with the February issues. When the first of the month falls on the weekend, the issue will post online the next business day. This is about 10 days later than in the past.

Advances in Nutrition

The January 2015 issue of *Advances in Nutrition*, ASN's international review journal, sheds new light on key issues in nutrition and human health. [Log on](#) for insightful reviews addressing such questions as:

- *Is there such a thing as a global sustainable diet?* A review concludes that there is not enough research to fully understand the human health, environmental, and economic impact of any proposed diet.
- *Can flavonoids prevent or delay onset and progression of neurodegenerative diseases?* Based on recent evidence, these compounds may represent one of a new generation of bioactive drugs for improving brain function in various neurodegenerative diseases.

The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition

Read the [media alert](#) for summaries.

- *Cost-effectiveness of intestinal transplantation for adult patients with intestinal failure: a simulation study*
- *Habitual sleep duration is associated with BMI and macronutrient intake and may be modified by CLOCK genetic variants*

The Journal of Nutrition

Summaries and analyses of this study and accompanying commentary are found in the [media alert](#).

- *Protein requirements of healthy pregnant women during early and late gestation are higher than current recommendations*
- *Protein requirements: are we ready for new recommendations?*



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Member Spotlight

- **Steve Abrams, MD**, will be the inaugural chair of the Department of Pediatrics at the Dell Medical School at the University of Texas in Austin. He starts in April and the school welcomes the first class of students in July 2016.
- **Robert Chapkin, PhD**, was named a distinguished professor at Texas A&M University.
- [Browse the list](#) of members who joined ASN in December 2014.

Have you received an award, been quoted in the media or published a book recently? ASN is proud of its members and wants to know about such accomplishments. Send the information to Suzanne Price at sprice@nutrition.org to be featured in an upcoming newsletter.

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