

President's Column

In November, we had a very successful Executive Board meeting in Miami. For me, it was nice to get away from 2 feet of snow in Denver. ASN is a vibrant society with many opportunities to grow. In my Presidential report, I stated that ASN was well represented at the recent International Union of Nutritional Scientists (IUNS) in Bangkok, Thailand. While in Southeast Asia, John Courtney and I met with representatives from the British, Chinese, Korean, Spanish, and Vietnamese nutrition societies. It was clear that ASN is widely recognized as a worldwide leader in nutrition and all wanted to have closer relationships with ASN. John and I believe there are some great opportunities to link with other societies around the world to promote our outstanding journals, to develop joint meetings and educational opportunities, and to increase ASN membership.

Take a moment to watch the newest ASN videos. The first features ASN spokespeople discussing organic foods and the other is the inaugural video for SciVEE Pubcast, which allows authors of *AJCN* and *JN* studies to synchronize textual material with video. This new offering opens with the author of a *JN* study discussing iron deficiency and restless leg syndrome. [dial up our website at www.nutrition.org and enjoy!!!] The 2009 ASN annual report is also available on our website. Read about the Society's accomplishments and activities.

Though it is holiday time and semester break, keep in mind that *EB2010* is just about here. Remember that *EB* advanced registration and *EB* latebreaking submissions deadlines are the same date, February 24, 2010.

Don't miss the IUNS update and all the news from Bangkok and from the ASN [see page 30 this issue], the US Adhering Body to the IUNS. We can all be proud of our efforts! We expect to publish a series of single paragraphs from our travel grant awardees to try to capture their reactions to their Bangkok experience.

My next column will bear the title "Outgoing President's Column" as Rob Russell will become President on January 1, 2010.

Jim Hill



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What's up with GPEC?

GPEC Welcomes New Members, Highlights New Programs

Education and professional development continues to thrive at ASN! We're fortunate to have welcomed so many new, diverse and active members to the Graduate Professional Education Committee (GPEC), Sub-Committee on Continuing Medical Education (CME) and Sub-Committee on Professional Nutrition Education (PNE).

GPEC new members:

- Elizabeth Adams (09-12)
- Cindy Davis -- *Ex Officio*; RIS Director
- Judith Gilbride (09-12)
- Mary Hager (09-12)
- Elizabeth L. Karcher (09-12)
- Elizabeth Ko
- Kimberly O'Brien (09-12)
- Beatrice L. Rogers (09-12)

Sub-Committee on PNE new members:

- Christopher Duggan (09-12)
- Martin Kohlmeier (09-12)
- Lisa M. Neff (09-12)
- Riva Touger-Decker (09-12)
- Tom Ziegler -- *Ex Officio*;
Chair, Medical Nutrition Council

Sub-Committee on CME new members:

- Perry Bickel (09-12)
- David Heber (09-12)
- Edward Saltzman (09-12)
- Donald Schumacher (09-12)
- Kartik Shankard (09-12)

We're also fortunate to have Sharon Donovan, ASN Vice President-Elect, as our Executive Board liaison to GPEC. These new members, as well as our existing members, will help us capitalize on the recent successes of our education and professional development programs and develop new ones.

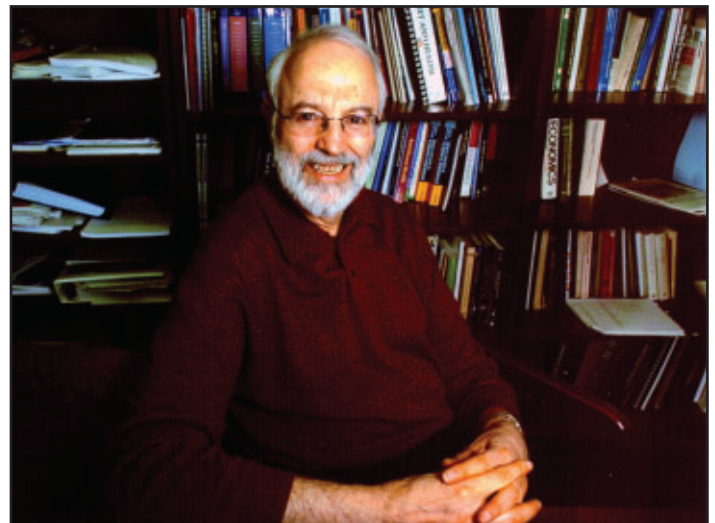
Recent program outcomes. As for recent successes, I'm pleased to report that our 2009 Clinical Nutrition Internship Program award winners (and their mentors) had great experiences, according to an ASN follow up survey. One intern said, "The best part of this program is the flexibility to arrange the program to meet the student's interests. I loved that I was able to observe the role of nutrition in many medical specialties and explore areas that were completely new to me. Please continue to maintain this flexibility." Another intern said, "Overall, the internship was a very positive, valuable experience for me. I especially appreciated the flexibility I had in being able to largely shape the experience around what interests me most concerning the role of nutrition in health

care. Thank you!" We're looking forward to hearing about more great accomplishments from these interns in the future.

Rick Mattes reported a successful Beverages and Health Symposium at Purdue University, September 17-19. This GPEC-funded symposium facilitated some great discussion, according to Mattes. Eligible ASN members could also receive continuing medical education (CME) credit and continuing professional education (CPE) credit.

New webinar series, benchmarking

reports. As for new programs, GPEC, its subcommittees and ASN staff have been busy engaging RIS groups, targeted member groups and other scientific and medical societies. The Nutritional Epidemiology RIS launched a series of research leader webinars, where you will hear about personal education and research experiences of some of the most successful leaders in the field of nutritional epidemiology. Learn what are doing to stay on the cutting edge of nutritional epidemiology research, and get an opportunity to seek advice to help your own research efforts. The first in the series was presented by Barry Popkin [pictured below] on November 2.



Other presenters in the series:

- December 2009 - Amy Subar, NIH/NCI
- January 2010 - Keith West, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
- February 2010 - Michele Forman, The University of Texas
- March 2010 - Katherine Tucker, Tufts University

Email Regan Bailey at baileyr@mail.nih.gov to register for these Nutritional Epidemiology RIS webinars. Be sure to indicate which webinar you wish to register for.

GPEC and its subcommittees are also exploring benchmarking opportunities. Recently, ASN and other societies with the Federation of American

Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) were conducting a survey to explore how some of ASN's members are using Individual Development Plans (IDPs) and other career planning resources for postdoctoral fellows. In addition to IDPs, the survey also asked about use of self assessment tools and/or workshops, career exploration/ planning workshops, information about career opportunities for scientists, information about skills/abilities needed for various careers, and career/professional development resources (e.g., interviewing, resume writing, communication tips). If you are interested in benchmarking with your peers to compare educational offerings, curricula or other topics of interest, please reach out to me with your thoughts.

Thank you to all of you for your continued interest in and enthusiasm for education and professional development at ASN. 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.

Contributed by Richard J. Wood GPEC Chair
and Ryan Cliche
ASN Educational and Development Manager

Mainly for Members



ASBMB Extends Invitation to Screening at EB2010

At a recent *Experimental Biology* Management Committee meeting, The American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (ASBMB) extended an invitation to EB2010 attendees to attend a screening of a documentary: *Naturally Obsessed: The Making of a Scientist*. We are invited to share the event information with our attendees – this documentary definitely targets student attendees. ASBMB will host the event in its ballroom which will have general seating for approximately 500.

ASBMB Presents: *Naturally Obsessed: The Making of a Scientist*
Come see the drama unfold!

Monday, April 26, 6:30 – 7:30 PM
Anaheim Convention Center
Ballroom D, Third Floor, General Seating Available

Naturally Obsessed: The Making of a Scientist is a new documentary film that reveals a rare and fascinating view of the world of laboratory science. Featuring a group of eager students, mentored by Larry Shapiro, the film follows them along a



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challenging and uncertain journey toward their PhD degrees. As the story unfolds, the interdependent mentor-student relationship reveals the human face of scientific research.

The film was shot over three years' time at Columbia University Medical Center and also documents how x-ray crystallography enables the discovery of the molecular structure of the AMPK protein, considered prime for targeted drug development because of its relevance to diabetes and obesity.

John Beard's Memorial Symposium

Those of us who attended are grateful to the Penn State organizers. This was a complete tribute to John Beard, well summed up by the last student introducer: [As] iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens the wits of another: Proverbs 27:17 [God's Word translation, 1995]

History Committee

QUIZ: What was the "Citrovorum factor?" What was "factor M?" What was the *L. casei* factor? For answers to these and other perplexing questions plan to stop by the history of nutrition exhibit at EB2010. The two-part exhibit will illustrate aspects of the discovery of compounds with folate activity and, in its second part, items from the William J. Darby collection in the archives at the Vanderbilt University Medical Center's Eskind Biomedical Library. Please also plan to attend the history symposium on the history of the discovery of folic acid, its derivatives and their biological and clinical functions.

Have you stopped to think how young the science of nutrition is? 100 years ago E.V. McCollum was writing about the synthesis of "nuclein" in animals; he had not even thought about vitamin A. In fact, it would be another 3 years before Funk would coin the term "vitamines." Thus, we will have to wait another 3 years to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the vitamin concept. There has been a lot of progress in the science of nutrition in the intervening century, but clearly there is much more that needs to be learned.

Contributed by Pat Swan
for the History Committee

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HOLIDAYS 2009

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Material for the March 2010 *Nutrition Notes* is due on February 1, 2010 [except where otherwise noted by several of the Dateline Editors].

Student submissions for the society's awards will be, again, managed on line [except for the International Council student prize] We hope to have results in the before the middle of December 2009.

For all information concerning the ASN awards as they are now categorized, visit the *Invitation for Nominations 2011* published in the July 2010 issues of the society journals (and posted to the ASN website after June 1, 2010 at www.nutrition.org)

THANKS TO THE JURORS

The membership and the ASN Executive Board gratefully acknowledge the very long and hard work involved in this year's jury process. Yeomen's duty is the appropriate title for this very long tale of decision making. We extend great thanks to: Richard Allison, Stephanie Atkinson, Richard Black, Patsy Brannon, Richard Deckelbaum, Michael Falk, Jesse Gregory, J. Cecil Smith, Cathy Klein, Penny Kris-Etherton, Gil Leveille, Eric Lien, Barbara Lyle, Michael McBurney, Simin Meydani, Juan Navia, Dale Romsos, Cathie Woteki, Holly Wyatt, Tom Ziegler.



The latebreaking abstract deadline [see page 8 this issue] for abstract submission for EB2010 is **February 24, 2010** and the latebreaking site will be open beginning on **November 23, 2009**.

LINKS FOR LOTS!!!!

Information for the submission of symposia proposals for **EB2011** appears on page 31 of this issue [Remember that the deadline date has been extended to **March 15, 2010**]. See informational full page in this issue. On the ASN website you will find informational material as well as a template: <http://www.nutrition.org/media/meetings/SymposiumWorkshopTemplate.pdf>

Additionally, for a controversy session, dial up: <http://www.nutrition.org/about-asn/leadership/rises/> for information on the RISs which you may wish to involve in the co-sponsorship of your proposal.

To renew your membership in the society or to join ASN, dial www.nutrition.org, click on "About ASN" and then on Membership.

ATTENTION ALL ASN STUDENT MEMBERS

All student members of ASN are encouraged to join one or more of the Research Interest Sections (RIS). This is an excellent opportunity to build strong ties with other researchers in similar fields. Check out the list of RIS groups on the ASN website at: <http://www.nutrition.org/about-asn/leadership/rises/> When you have made a selection, contact the RIS leader for additional information on the activities of the RIS and how to become a member.

Council News



International Nutrition Council (INC).

EB '10 in Anaheim is just around the corner! The programming is almost complete and it promises to be a good meeting. Our membership continues to grow, and we hope to see our new members in Anaheim, at our sessions and at our business meeting on Monday night, April 26th, 2010.

INC student competition at EB '10! Any graduate student who is a member of the INC and who has submitted an abstract on a topic related to international nutrition is eligible to compete for the INC Student Prize. To enter the competition, send a copy of your electronically submitted abstract (with sponsor information) AND an expanded (2 pages doubled-spaced) abstract to me at lcaulfie@jhsph.edu. We will review the entries, and select up to 3 finalists who will receive a travel award of \$750 to attend **EB '10**. The winner will be chosen

at the INC business meeting and will receive a cash award of \$500. More information on the competition is found at <http://www.nutrition.org/about-asn/awards/gsra-competition/international-student-prize-competition/>. We are extending the deadline to **January 6, 2010**.

Although we are thinking about this year's **EB**, I want to remind you that we need to develop symposia proposals for **EB '11**, which will be held in Washington, DC. We have a number of topics discussed at the last business meeting that are being developed, but other ideas are sought to really enrich the program with our research. Please contact me (lcaulfie@jhsph.edu) or Grace Marquis (grace.marquis@mcgill.ca) for help in creating winning symposia proposals. The deadline for submission is **March 15, 2010**, and the goal of the planning committee is to fill the program slate for **EB '11** with proposals making that deadline.

There are many changes at ASN and I want to encourage all of you to visit and explore the ASN website at www.nutrition.org! There are expanded membership services, including some new services that may help enrich teaching and mentoring at your institution, such as taped symposia from previous **EB** meetings, state of the art lectures, and webinars. ASN also has a blog (and yes, INC students are there!), and is on Facebook and LinkedIn, and even Youtube. Check it out!

International Nutrition Council events are scheduled for EB2010 beginning at 6:30PM on Monday evening, April 26 with our Business Meeting and Kellogg International Prize Lecture and then our reception will follow beginning at 8:00PM. Locations will be announced in the next *Nutrition Notes* and also watch the listserv.

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Chair, International Nutrition Council

Medical Nutrition Council (MNC). After the MNC planning meeting this Fall, the MNC determined it should focus on developing clinical guidelines and a clinical nutrition conference or series of conferences. The MNC is actively exploring ways to enhance the value of the newsletter to both our health professions/physician and PhD membership. Note that our membership is growing and that we are now at close to 1100 MNC members. New MNC initiatives were also discussed at the recent ASN Executive Board meeting in Miami, including more active outreach to all US medical students and the cadre of bionutrition-oriented investigators utilizing the NIH-funded Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA) Centers. MNC leadership is actively planning for two symposia at *Experimental Biology* in April on the topics of Nutrition and Aging and Medical

Nutrition Education. Please send your comments or suggestions to me at tzieg01@emory.edu

The ASN Scientific Program committee has scheduled a series of clinical sessions on Saturday, April 24, 2010 and I encourage you to view them on our website at: www.nutrition.org click on 'meetings' and then on *EB2010* preliminary program. Our Council business meeting at *EB2010* is planned for Saturday April 24, 2010 beginning at noon and will be close to the session room where the Aging session, part II, begins at 1:00PM. The business meeting will be featured in our MNC on line newsletter.

Contributed by Tom Ziegler, MNC Chair
Professor of Medicine
Emory University School of Medicine

Nutritional Sciences Council (NSC). The NSC has been energized by our recent retreat, newly elected Executive Committee members, including a postdoc and a graduate student representative. We are especially proud of our new student (Joan Clapper) and postdoctoral fellow volunteers (John Apolzan, Harini Aiyer, Elizabeth Gilbert). We have planned the time for our business meeting and have two committees at work on networking and the NSC webpage.

Business Meeting: Of the three councils of ASN, the Nutrition Sciences Council (NSC) business meeting will be held at *EB 2010* on Sunday, April 25, 2010, at 7:15 AM. Breakfast will be provided and the meeting will end in time for members to attend the Presidential Symposium. NSC members, please join us and contribute to the future directions of our organization.

Networking: The members of the Nutrition Sciences Council (NSC) Networking Group include Elizabeth Parks (UTSW, Elizabeth.parks@utsouthwestern.edu), Katherine Tucker (new to Northwestern Univ), postdoctoral fellows Victoria Vieira (Tufts Univ, vicki.vieira@tufts.edu) and John Apolzan (Medical College of Georgia, japolzan@mcg.edu), and graduate student Joan Clapper (South Dakota State Univ, Joan.Clapper@sdstate.edu). These members are in the process of identifying a number of events in which networking could be fostered in our Council. Such venues include introduction/discussion between established members and graduate students and postdoc members during luncheons, receptions, and poster sessions. One idea being considered is an event where all symposia chairs are invited to discuss highly-active scientific hypotheses in their disciplines and the strategies they used to choose and group abstracts together for a set of oral presentations at *EB*. If you are interested in such a

presentation, please contact any of the networking group members listed above. The networking group is looking for more ideas to support the professional development of our members. Please email Elizabeth Parks with any comments and suggestions.

NSC Webpage: Elizabeth Gilbert (Postdoctoral Research Associate, Virginia Tech, Department of Animal and Poultry Sciences, egilbert@vt.edu) is leading a website initiative committee that was established during the NSC retreat in June. Other members include Marta Fiorotto (CNRC, Baylor College of Medicine, martaf@bcm.edu), and postdoctoral fellows, Harini Aiyer (University of Louisville, Department of Surgery, aiyerharini@gmail.com), Vicki Vieira (Human Nutrition Research Center on Aging at Tufts University, vicki.vieira@gmail.com), John Apolzan (Medical College of Georgia, JAPOLZAN@mail.mcg.edu), and graduate student Nancy Engelmann (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, nengelma@illinois.edu). The purpose of this committee is to develop ideas for the NSC website, to be built within the ASN site by ASN staff. Goals of the website are to enhance visibility of the council, serve as a networking hub for nutrition scientists across disciplines, and provide a means of communicating the mission statement and purpose of the council. Committee members are currently working with ASN staff members to finalize ideas and schedule the launch of the new site.

Congratulations to Chair-elect Katherine Tucker who has moved from Tufts University to Northeastern University in Boston to assume the position as Professor and Chair, Department of Health Sciences, Bouve College of Health Sciences [kl.tucker@neu.edu]

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IN MEMORIAM

Hardy Edwards, Athens, GA
Ann Kelley, Madison WI
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Louis Rusoff, Baton Rouge LA
Judith Turnlund, Los Altos CA
Joseph Vitale, Weymouth MA



Young Professionals & Postdocs



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The American Society for Nutrition (ASN) is a dynamic home for postdoctorates, medical residents, junior faculty, and other young professionals or fellows who have completed a nutrition or related degree within the past three years. ASN has nearly 4,000 members, and provides a variety of programs for its young investigator and clinician members—who, together with students, account for more than 25 percent of total membership. Are you looking to advance your career while continuing to build on your education and increase your publication credentials? You belong in ASN!

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS FOR YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

- 12 months of membership for only \$50
- Awards and travel grants like the opportunities listed at right
- Apply for positions listed on the ASN job board
- Stay informed with public policy news
- Career resources through ASN's alliance with the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB)
- Joint efforts with the National Postdoctoral Association and other organizations
- Free online content for our two top-rated nutrition and dietetic journals
- Network with your peers and leaders in the field of nutrition
- Multimedia resources including podcasts and streaming video
- Blog for ASN at www.nutrition.org

ADVANTAGES AT-A-GLANCE

• Research Interest Sections & Scientific Councils

With sixteen-plus Research Interest Sections and three Scientific Councils, ASN promotes knowledge exchange and the advancement and application of nutrition science. Young professionals especially benefit from involvement in these opportunities by engaging with established professionals about career advancement, emerging research and more. Experimental Biology (EB), home to the ASN Scientific Sessions and Annual Meeting, is a truly interdisciplinary meeting—a place to collaborate with over 13,000 professionals in the life sciences. An annual **Young Professional & Postdoc Networking Brunch** is held at EB.



• ASN Awards for Emerging Leaders

- Peter J. Reeds Memorial Young Investigator Award (\$1,500; macronutrient metabolism)
- Vernon R. Young International Award for Amino Acid Research (\$2,500; recognizes research in amino acid metabolism)
- The Mary Swartz Rose Young Investigator Award (\$2,500; bioactive compounds for human health)
- Norman Kretchmer Memorial Award (research with potential relevance to children's health)
- Postdoctoral Professional Development and Enrichment Award (\$3,000 for unrestricted career development and \$2,500 for travel; early stage life scientists from underrepresented minority groups)

• Young Professional Membership—\$50

ASN understands the vital role association membership can play for emerging scientists, investigators and health practitioners, and offers a reduced membership rate of only \$50 for young professional members. This “bridge” membership rate (available for a maximum of three years) also includes complete access to our two high-impact journals, *The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition* and *The Journal of Nutrition*.



“Keeping my ASN membership during my postdoc has been crucial to me for networking. I value the *Nutrition Notes* and EB University Mixer for keeping in touch with my graduate department, and being involved with the RIS groups and ASN committees has given me the opportunity to make new contacts in this critical time of my career.”
—Robin Minor, PhD, National Institute on Aging

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**The Late-Breaking Abstract submission site
is now open. Deadline for submission is
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- Over 65 countries represented annually at the meeting creating a diverse audience
- CME credits available (ASIP sessions only)
- Extensive career development opportunities for students and postdoctoral fellows

**After submitting your Late-Breaking Abstract, don't forget to
register for the meeting! Register before Wednesday,
February 24, 2010 for the lowest registration fees.**

From the RIS Director

The Research Interest Sections (RIS) represent ASN's strong commitment to facilitate and promote 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. So, please join one or more RIS groups. Currently there are 16 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, Mathematical Modeling, Nutrient-Gene Interactions, Nutrition Education, Nutrition Translation from Bench to Consumer; Nutritional Epidemiology, Nutritional Immunology, Obesity and Vitamins and Minerals.

The RIS groups also provide a mechanism for more effective involvement of ASN members into the programs and activities of the Society. The RIS groups submit the majority of the symposia for the annual meeting and the RIS groups usually suggest chairpersons for the minisymposia and poster sessions. Symposia proposals are due March 15, 2010 for *EB2011*. Please contact the RIS chairs to coordinate the development of your ideas with them.

Do you have ideas for webinars that might be of interest to members of your RIS? For example, the Nutritional Epidemiology RIS will be offering a series of webinars from successful leaders in the field of nutritional epidemiology which will address personal education and research experiences. Stay tuned for more information. Also, please contact the RIS chairs with your ideas/suggestions for additional webinars. The RIS' are continuously looking for ways to add value for their members outside of the *EB* meeting.

Encourage your students, post-doctoral fellows and other trainees to join RIS groups. Not only will this give them an opportunity to interact with other scientists with similar research interests but it also gives them the opportunity to enter the student competitions. Please look at the submissions from the individual RIS groups below, to find out about their upcoming student and/or post-doc competitions at *EB*.

If you have any suggestions or comments, please feel free to contact me at davisci@mail.nih.gov.

Obesity. Obesity RIS Members it is my pleasure to serve as the Obesity RIS Chair and to welcome the other new officers: Holly Wyatt, Chair-Elect Holly.Wyatt@uchsc.edu; Advisory Group: Zhaoping Li zli@mednet.ucla.edu, Sarah Colby colbys@ecu.edu, Jeremy E. Davis jedavis@siu.edu, and Elizabeth Ko, Medical Student Representative (elko@med.miami.edu)

I am happy to report that we will be sponsoring a symposium entitled "The Science of Exercise for Obesity" on April 24, 2010 from 3:00-5:00 PM during *Experimental Biology* in Anaheim, CA. The symposium will provide an overview of the science of exercise in the treatment of obesity and metabolic disorders. Since obese patients are often a uniquely sedentary cohort, exercise may be a promising treatment option. Experts in the field of exercise physiology, skeletal muscle metabolism, and public health will provide an integrative review on how exercise protocols might enhance current practices in obesity medicine.

We are also working with Ryan Cliche, Education and Professional Development Manager, at the American Society for Nutrition on a one-hour webinar on the latest science pertaining to medical versus surgical treatments for obesity.

Please email Sarah Colby at colbys@ecu.edu if you would like to join our group and we hope to see everyone at *EB2010* in April.

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Chair, Obesity Research Interest Section

Aging and Chronic Disease (AGING).

If you are a member of the Aging and Chronic Disease RIS check the listserv for postings and RIS information by the RIS Chair, Joe Sharkey. Should you wish to post an announcement please contact Dr Sharkey at: jrsharkey@srph.tamhsc.edu

Lactation. *EB 2010* is quickly approaching, and I'm sure many RIS members are starting to make plans to attend this year's conference, which will be held in Anaheim, CA from April 24-28, 2010. Shelley McGuire, Danielle Lemay (our new Lactation RIS Student/Trainee Representative from UCDavis) and I will be co-chairing the Lactation mini-symposium. The Lactation RIS luncheon and business meeting will be held at *EB* as usual, although the details have not been finalized yet. Please check the program for that information. I will also be sending out a reminder of the luncheon/business meeting by email, once the time and location are set.

Do you have ideas as to how the Lactation RIS can better serve you--its members? We would love to hear from you. Please email your ideas to me.

Lastly, if you are not a Lactation RIS member, please consider signing up. Also, if you know of other ASN members who do research in the area of human milk or lactation, please encourage them to join our RIS. It is very simple. All you need to do is email Diana Tavares at dtavares@nutrition.org indicating that you wish to join the Lactation RIS and she will take care of the rest.

*Contributed by Donna Chapman
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Nutrition Education (NE). I hope that everyone is making plans to attend the *Experimental Biology* meetings in April. The NERIS will co-sponsor a very timely symposium titled Dissemination and Implementation of Evidence-based Nutrition Interventions: The Translational Gap. The presentations will include an overview of the steps in dissemination and implementation research, examples of successful dissemination and implementation research, and an outline of special concerns and issues that apply to universities that are engaged in community-based education and research.

In addition to the symposium, we will sponsor two or three mini-symposia and we need your help. We need two people to co-chair the mini-symposium on childhood obesity. That involves brief introductions of the overall session and of each presenter. We also need several people who are willing to review abstracts for the mini-symposia. Please consider volunteering for this service to the profession. It is a great way to get involved and to read about the work that is being done in the field. Arrangements for the NERIS business meeting at *EB* have not been finalized at this time. Please look for those details in the next *Nutrition Notes*.

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Vitamin and Minerals RIS (VMRIS). Greetings to VMRIS members and student members! *EB 2010* in Anaheim is right around the corner! I would like to encourage each of you to attend the annual poster competition and business meeting (time and place TBA via out list-serve, as well as in the March 2010 ASN *Nutrition Notes*). In year's past, we have been able to provide monetary awards to the top three presenters and we plan to continue to this tradition.

Graduate students and post-docs, if you have submitted an abstract to *EB 2010* as first author, we encourage you to participate in the VMRIS Poster Competition to be held at *EB 2010*, immediately prior to the VMRIS business meeting. Presenters must be a member of ASN and the VMRIS; register/join online at www.asnutrition.org - follow links for VMRIS. To enter the competition, please email Carol Johnston (carol.johnston@asu.edu) a single-spaced extended abstract by Feb 15, 2010. The extended abstract must include the following: A) title and author, B) introduction and justification, C) methods and procedures, D) results and E) conclusions and significance. You will be notified if your abstract is selected; then, you are to present your *EB 2010* poster to the VMRIS group for the competition. Awards will be given to top poster presentations and announced during the VMRIS business meeting. We are also still looking for judges with mineral or vitamin expertise for the poster competition. Please email Carol Johnston (carol.johnston@asu.edu) if you would like to volunteer. All members will receive a notice at a later date regarding specifics of the poster presentations and judging criteria.

Finally, symposium proposals for *EB 2011* are due January 15, 2010, and we strongly encourage members to consider submitting topics of interest to our membership. Feel free to email me with any ideas (james.swain@case.edu). I look forward to seeing each of you at *EB 2010*!

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Nutrient-Gene Interaction (NGI). The Nutrient-Gene Interactions Research Interest Section (NGI RIS) 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 contacting the RIS Chair, Tracy Anthony at tganthon@iupui.edu

Poster Competition at *EB 2010*: One of our major goals is to promote participation and mentoring of young investigators interested in nutrient-gene interactions. To this end, the NGI RIS will once again sponsor a poster competition for graduate students attending *EB 2010*. Details and guidelines for submission to the competition will be posted on the Listserv in early 2010. Please encourage your students/trainees to look for this announcement and plan to submit their research to our poster competition.

Symposium EB 2011: We are actively soliciting symposium ideas and proposals for *EB 2011*. The deadline to submit proposals to ASN is March 15, 2010. Please don't wait until the week before to discuss with us your topic of interest! Please contact the RIS Chair, Tracy Anthony, with your innovative subject ideas or controversies and any questions.

NGI RIS Webinar Series: We are interested in embarking on a NGI RIS Webinar Series beginning after the New Year. Anyone interested in developing a webinar (30 min or less) as a way of sharing their expertise or recently published research in an ASN Society journal with the membership is encouraged to contact the NGI RIS Chair.

NGI teams up with VM: Finally, we are excited to announce that following our business meeting at *EB*, a networking reception will be held in conjunction with the Vitamin and Minerals RIS. We look forward to seeing you at this event. Plan to attend *EB* in Anaheim, CA April 24-April 28!

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Nutritional Immunology (NI). Hopefully by now you and your students have submitted abstracts for our two *EB 2010* minisymposia: Nutritional Immunology (5240-ASN) and Immune Modulating Nutraceuticals and Functional Foods (5241-ASN). We're looking forward to a great turnout and cutting edge nutritional science in the land of talking mice and box office princesses.

As we begin to make our travel plans, please note that the NI-RIS business meeting will be held at 6PM on Saturday, April 24th. Details will follow in the March issue of *Nutrition Notes*, but we will begin with refreshments and poster presentations, followed by our annual meeting. We will be changing the format for the poster presentations and competition (yeah!), so stay tuned.

We are also happy to announce that we are able to offer two \$500 travel awards prior to the meeting (this is in addition to our annual poster competition). Undergraduates, graduates, or post-docs who have submitted an abstract to one of the NI-RIS minisymposia are eligible to apply. Please send a maximum 2-page expanded abstract, including key data that will be presented, to ritz@drexel.edu. Submissions are due January 15, 2010. Include a cover letter stating your name, institution, mentor, year of study, and a brief statement of need. Only one award will be granted per school. Winners will be selected by the NI-RIS Steering Committee and announced in the March

issue. Winners must be available to present in poster format at the business meeting on Saturday, April 24th.

Finally, please be sure to send any announcements, comments, concerns, ideas for future symposia, etc., to me at ritz@drexel.edu. *Nutrition Notes* is a great tool for us to communicate throughout the year. Wishing you happy holidays and good fortune in the new year.

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Nutritional Epidemiology (NE). We have successfully launched our webinar series! Thanks to Barry Popkin from UNC who was featured on Nov 2nd 2009. His presentation can be viewed at <http://www.nutrition.org/education-and-professional-development/>. In this series of research leader webinars you will hear about personal education and research experiences of some of the most successful leaders in the field of nutritional epidemiology. Learn what they are doing to stay on the cutting edge of nutritional epidemiologic research, and get an opportunity to seek advice to help your own research efforts.

Other presenters in the series:

- December 2009 - Amy Subar, NIH/NCI
- January 2010 - Keith West, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
- February 2010 - Michele Forman, The University of Texas
- March 2010 - Katherine Tucker, Tufts University

Email Regan Bailey at baileyr@mail.nih.gov to register for these Nutritional Epidemiology RIS webinars. Be sure to indicate which webinar you wish to register for.

For *EB 2010*, our business meeting is scheduled for Monday April 26th from 2-3 pm, location TBD. There will once again be a Student Poster Competition. We will be having a grand Prize \$500 and one runner-up. Please encourage your graduate students to submit their abstracts. Abstracts are due March 12th 2010. Please send abstracts directly to me at am_siegariz@unc.edu. The executive committee will review abstracts to make sure they fit within the scope of nutrition epidemiology and then the posters will be judged by a panel at the business meeting.

We are asking members to help suggest symposium ideas/topics for *EB 2011*. Please send your suggested topics and speakers to Youfa Wang, ywang@jhsph.edu by December 2009. For example, here are some potential topics that have already been suggested. The format for a symposium can include two, three, or four

presenters or arranged as debate. The topics suggested to date for *EB2011* include:

- Does dairy consumption reduce risk for metabolic disorders?
- Effect of nutrition-genetic interactions on chronic diseases
- Food safety and global health
- Should people be recommended to take nutritional supplements for the prevention of chronic diseases?
- Application of biomarkers in nutritional epidemiologic research
- New insights on the role played by vitamin D in health

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Diet and Cancer (D-C). Thank you for everyone who submitted an abstract to one of our six mini-symposia for *EB10*. We are anticipating a great meeting in Anaheim, and are looking forward to have your presentation be part of the mini-symposia. The call for the RIS poster competition for graduate students and post-doctoral trainees will be extended through our e-mail list around the beginning of the year. If you are not already a part of the list serve, please e-mail me at n-turner@tamu.edu and I will make sure you are added to the listing. The submitted abstracts will be reviewed and the top 25 will be selected for the competition to be held at our business meeting on Sunday, April 25 at 12:00-2:00. A panel of judges will select the top 5 from the competitors based on the following criteria: abstract content (20 points), originality (30 points), relevance to cancer research (20 points), and poster presentation quality (30 points). This is a wonderful opportunity for students and postdocs to network with fellow students, senior investigators, and potential employers! We are looking forward to having another great turnout from the membership this year.

We would like to sponsor another innovative symposium for *EB11*. Anyone interested in developing a topic will need to submit their proposal by March 15, 2010, so please let me know your thoughts in the near future. I am happy to discuss ideas and to provide input on proposal development if needed.

As you may have seen, several RIS groups have started developing webinars. Anyone interested in developing a webinar as a way of sharing their expertise with the RIS should contact me and we will work out the logistics. Remember, we also have the list serve, which can be used to conduct discussions among the membership. You should

have received an e-mail describing how to submit information to the list serve. If you did not receive this notice, please let me know and we will verify your e-mail address in our database. Happy holidays to all and may you enjoy a wonderful new year!

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Dietary Bioactive Components (DBC). The Dietary Bioactives RIS will again hold a poster competition for students and post docs at the business meeting to be held at EB this coming year. There will be a selection process as we will be limited to 20 poster boards this year. Please encourage your students and post docs to submit their abstracts for this competition. Abstracts will be due January 8th 2010. The same format as required for *EB* should be used and abstracts should be submitted electronically to Mario Ferruzzi at mferruzz@purdue.edu. All applicants should be RIS members or should become members at the time they are submitting the abstract. Finalist will be notified by Feb 1, 2010 and will present their posters at the business meeting during *EB 2010*. Also, keep an eye out for updates and additional information by email via the RIS listserv.

The Dietary Bioactive RIS is also seeking ideas for symposia for *EB 2011*. Please forward suggestions to Mario Ferruzzi, RIS Chair, mferruzz@purdue.edu. Include suggested speakers and their contact information. The deadline for symposia proposals is March 15, 2010, so there is still time to make suggestions and to volunteer to write proposals related to dietary bioactive components.

Any suggestions you may have regarding this RIS, please contact Mario Ferruzzi, Chair; Suzanne Hendrich, Past Chair; Nathan Matusheski, chair-elect or Susanne Talcott, secretary/treasurer.

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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. You are welcome to join by sending a note by email to one of the addresses below. Section members make this group successful in supporting a large variety of minisymposia and full symposia at *Experimental Biology*, and we look forward to several new offerings at *EB2010*.

Mark your calendars: our annual "Hot Topics" speaker, business meeting, and reception/student awards gathering at *Experimental Biology* will take place the evening of Saturday, April 24. We have been working with other RIS groups to minimize overlap of events, since many members are involved with more than one RIS. The exact time, venue, and speaker will be communicated soon.

Interested in helping out? Over the next couple of months, the EMM RIS leadership will be putting together an updated Steering Committee roster, and we welcome interested folks to contact us right away. Steering Committee members traditionally assist in student abstract judging once per year, and can be a valuable sounding board for new ideas that will make the EMM RIS even better.

Do you have a graduate student in mind who would be interested in assisting with RIS activities? Please let me know and we will get them involved in helping out at *EB2010*. It is our hope to increase student participation and allow them opportunities to gain experience and enhance networking as part of their Society activities.

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Student Interest Group (SIG). The Student Interest Group has been actively working to increase the participation of student members and to promote interaction between student members and other facets of the ASN community. We have begun work for *EB 2010* and would like to announce two upcoming opportunities. The SIG is sponsoring the annual design competition for the t-shirt that will be sold throughout *EB 2010*. The t-shirt sale is always very popular and a great way for the student group to raise funds to support our activities. Students are invited to submit a design for the t-shirt by December 31, 2009. The winning artist will receive a free shirt and will have their name immortalized in an upcoming issue of *Nutrition Notes*! Please contact Diana Tavares for more information DTavares@nutrition.org. As in years past, the SIG will also be sponsoring several travel awards. If you are a student or postdoc and have submitted an abstract for *EB 2010*, you will be eligible for this award. The deadlines for application will be announced at a later date, please stay tuned for more information about this excellent opportunity!

SIG student members continue to be very active with blog posts on the ASN website: www.nutrition.org/asn-blog. One recent post discussed the controversies surrounding academic freedom and the relationship between academic institutions and sources of funding. Another piece looked at local foods movement and the personal experience of a "locavore", including a wonderful photo essay of some dishes prepared with locally-purchased foods (be sure to check out the picture of the Goopy Butter Caked with Missouri-apple cider reduction). Another blogger interviewed Dr. Juan Rivera, the 2009 ASN Kellogg International Nutrition Research Award Winner and the Director of the Center for Research in Nutrition and Health at the Mexican National Institute of Public Health. The student bloggers spend a great deal of time preparing these posts, and would no doubt appreciate comments from ASN members. Please show your support for your fellows ASN members by checking out these and other topics on the ASN blog.

We are also continuing to work through Facebook as an additional means to communicate to ASN members. Are you one of the millions of people with a Facebook account? If you answered yes, be sure to becoming a fan of the ASN page, under the title "American Society for Nutrition"; all members are welcome to join! Since the last *Nutrition Notes* publication, we have added over 100 fans to this page, and would be thrilled to see these numbers continue to increase. This page includes updates on student bloggers, videos featuring ASN leadership, links to journal articles and webinars, as well as announcements about upcoming ASN awards and events.

There are many places for students and post-docs to become involved, and the society leadership is eager to see participation from this particular sector of ASN. If you have any questions about the SIG or ideas for us to better serve you as students and post-docs, please contact Emily Tomayko, chair of the SIG, at etomayk2@illinois.edu.

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Experimental Animal Nutrition (EAN). Experimental Animal Nutrition-RIS will host a poster presentation competition for graduate students and postdoctoral scientists on April 24th at 6:00pm. Any good abstracts submitted to *Experimental Biology 2010* are eligible for this competition if the study uses animals as a research model. Papers should be submitted to Matthew Waldron (waldronm@missouri.edu). Up to four presenters will be selected for awards. The

EAN-RIS Business Meeting will follow the poster competition.

Experimental Animal Nutrition-RIS will host four mini-symposia and co-host a workshop with Mathematical Modeling-RIS during *Experimental Biology 2010*. Mini-symposia are:

Animal research models in lipid and protein nutrition and physiology. Chairs: Sung Woo Kim, Kazuo Katou (This is jointly organized with Japanese Nutrition/Physiology Group). This will give a good opportunity to meet with Japanese scientists in experimental animal nutrition area)

Canine and feline nutrition and physiology. Chairs: Kelly Swanson, Julie Spears

Animal models of gastrointestinal health and disease. Chair: Kelly Swanson

Animal models of bone health and disease. Chair: Jay Cao

Workshop: Applications of Modeling Techniques to Identify Mechanisms Involved in Obesity. Chairs: Heidi Johnson, Mark Hanigan, Kelly Swanson, Sung Woo Kim. We look forward to your abstracts to be submitted to EAN-RIS and your participation in EAN-RIS Poster Competition. Any questions can be sent to sungwoo_kim@ncsu.edu or waldronm@missouri.edu

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Mathematical Modeling (MM). If you are a member of the Mathematical Modeling RIS, check the listserv for postings and RIS information by the RIS Chair, Heidi Johnson. Should you wish to post an announcement please contact Dr Johnson at: hajohnson@ucdavis.edu

Community and Public Health Nutrition (CPHN). The RIS sponsored a symposium at the New Orleans meeting entitled "Access to Healthy Food: The Next Frontier for Research on Domestic Food Insecurity" chaired by Donald Rose. The RIS business meeting was attended by 13 members. Discussed were the new tools for communications provided by the Society, symposia and mini-symposia topics, awards, and elections. The RIS has begun using the new listserv. If you have not been receiving email messages from the CPHN listserv, please let me know. The Webex is available for RIS use. Suggestions from those attending the meeting were to use it to organize symposia submissions, review student abstracts for awards, and patch into existing seminar series to have a recorded web version available to members. Symposia proposals are due March 15, 2010;

some ideas for symposia in 2011 included Dietary Guidelines, Evidence-based Nutrition and Food Security Policy, Maternal Nutrition Interventions, and Built Environment Interventions. For each symposium topic, a RIS member will need to take the lead in developing the idea and the proposal; please let me know if you are willing to take the lead on a proposal. Mini-symposia titles are due to ASN May 15; some suggested ideas were: Household Food Security Measurement in Diverse Populations, and Community-Level Influences on Nutrition. For the up-coming meeting in April 2010, we solicit extended abstracts from students and post-doctoral fellows with the intention to make one award each prior to the meeting; please look for an announcement about this via the listserv in the middle of November. Sonya Jones at the University of South Carolina: sjones@mailbox.sc.edu has been elected to be the new RIS chair beginning June 1, 2010. Kim Harding at Micronutrients Initiative [kharding@micronutrient.org](http://micronutrient.org) will begin serving as the new communications coordinator then also. The business meeting in Anaheim will be held on Saturday, April 24 at 5 pm.

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Nutrition Translation from Bench to Consumer (NT). Nutrition Translation from Bench to Consumer. Our RIS will be or co-sponsoring two symposia at *EB2010*. They are: "Sodium in the Food Supply: Challenges & Opportunities" and "Dissemination and Implementation Approaches to Move Nutrition Education Effectively Down the Translation Pathway." Both sessions are currently scheduled to take place on Monday, April 26, 2010 from 3-5 p.m. Please be sure to attend one and bring a colleague. We would like to thank everyone at ILSI and the Nutrition Education RIS who gave their time to help put together these great symposia. Please feel free to contact me if you would like more information regarding these programs.

Our officers have also examined ways to make our business meeting more exciting. As part of our efforts we surveyed the RIS membership on means to increase interest and participation. After exploring possibilities including coordinating with other RIS groups, possible poster sessions, etc. for *EB2010* we will be inviting a key note speaker (TBD) to present at our business meeting. We are currently putting the details together for the business meeting and will inform you of its time, location and speaker via the list serve once we have everything in place.

In order to ensure that we maximize our communications with our RIS membership, I have discussed with Diana Tavares at ASN a plan to test the list serve to identify members who may think they are on the Nutrition Translation list serve, but are not or have an issue with their contact information. Our plan is for me to send out at least 2 separate messages via the list serve in the last two weeks of November. If you do not receive an e-mail by December 1st please contact Diana Tavares dtavares@nutrition.org at ASN.

EB2011 – it's not too early to begin thinking about it! Early in January, Frances Coletta (Chair-elect) plans to survey the RIS membership for symposia ideas to consider for submission to ASN for *EB2011*. Now is the time for us to begin thinking about topics of interest.

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CARIG. Mark your calendars for the CARIG symposium, which will be held April 23rd in Anaheim, CA, before the formal *Experimental Biology* meeting. We have a very distinguished panel of speakers that have accepted the invitation to speak at the conference. The James Allen Olson Memorial lecture is expected to be given by John W. Erdman, Jr. The theme of the session is carotenoids and cancer. The CARIG RIS steering committee has been joined by two student representatives, Nikki Ford (PhD expected, mentor John Erdman) and Shellen Goltz (PhD expected, mentor Mario Ferruzzi). We are pleased to have this added input to CARIG.

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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 the first group of awards in the September 2009 issue of Nutrition Notes and is, in this issue, adding several more ads which merit review. For most of these awards, the nomination will need to be fostered by the American Society for Nutrition and involve the ASN Executive Board. This effort to encourage members to nominate colleagues for these awards is directly related to the Strategic Oversight's commitment to increase ASN membership in the IOM/NAS.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, The Pew Charitable Trusts Launch National Initiative to Advance Policies that Promote Health

WASHINGTON, D.C. - (October 20, 2009) - The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) and The Pew Charitable Trusts (Pew) today announced the launch of the Health Impact Project, a national initiative designed to promote the use of health impact assessments (HIAs) as a decision-making tool for policymakers. HIAs are a flexible, data-driven approach that identify the health consequences of new policies and develop practical strategies to enhance their health benefits and minimize adverse effects. The Health Impact Project, a 4.5-year initiative that is funded by a \$7.2 million grant from RWJF to Pew to operate and administer the project, is accepting proposals for up to 15 HIA demonstrations ranging from \$25,000 to \$150,000.

HIAs are an effective way to incorporate health into the decisions made by sectors that do not traditionally focus on these outcomes—such as transportation, planning, education or housing. This strategy helps people lead healthier lives and creates healthier, safer communities. For example, an HIA for a new road could measure its impact on air quality, childhood asthma, and injury rates, then address them early in the planning process.

"To help people make healthier choices and stem the rising tide of chronic disease, health needs to be factored into public policy and other decisions that affect and influence how we live, work, learn and play," said Risa Lavizzo-Mourey, president and CEO of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. "The HIA process can foster a new way of thinking that puts health at the forefront of public policy."

"The project marks an exciting development in the evolution of our relationship with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation," said Rebecca Rimel, president and CEO of The Pew Charitable Trusts. "This collaboration brings to bear valuable resources to establish health impact assessments as an essential part of the policy development process."

The Health Impact Project will fund government agencies at the local, state and tribal levels, nonprofit organizations, and educational institutions. Grants will be awarded on a rolling basis, and grantees will receive training, mentoring and technical assistance from the project and from leading HIA experts. When decision makers understand the health implications of a proposed policy, they can make better-informed choices that avoid unintended harm and unexpected costs," said Aaron Wernham, director of the Health Impact

Project and a leading national HIA expert. "We look forward to raising awareness about HIAs, and to working with many kinds of organizations around the country to help communities use this important tool."

A growing number of community groups and policymakers in the United States and around the world have begun to use HIAs to address a range of issues, including land use and transportation, housing policies, labor standards, natural resource extraction, education and economic policies. In San Francisco, an HIA for a new housing development resulted in several measures to protect residents from nearby roadway pollution. In Alaska, an HIA helped resolve a longstanding disagreement between community and government stakeholders and led to widely accepted revisions to oil and gas leasing plans, and several new protections for air quality and human health

The launch of the Health Impact Project is the beginning of an important collaboration between two of the nation's leading philanthropic organizations working to improve health and to serve the public interest. For information to: Health Impact Project, The Pew Charitable Trusts, 901 E Street NW, 10th Floor, Washington, DC, 20004; Phone: (202) 540-6012 Fax: (202) 552-2299; healthimpactproject@pewtrusts.org

Grupo Bimbo Bestows the Third Pan-American Nutrition, Food Sciences and Technology Award

Mexico City, March 25, 2009 - Grupo Bimbo, a leading baked products company in the world, today reaffirms its commitment towards nutrition and health before the world community by conferring the **Third Pan-American Nutrition, Food Sciences and Technology Award**.

The award ceremony took place in the presence of Luís Ignacio Sánchez Gómez, Federal Educational Services Administrator of the Department of Public Education; Juan Rivera Dommarco, of the National Institute of Public Health (INSP) and Sergio Revah Moisev, of the Autonomous Metropolitan University of Mexico (UAM), among other scientists and professors. Attending on behalf of Grupo Bimbo were: Roberto Servitje Sendra, Grupo Bimbo's Chairman of the Board, and Daniel Servitje Montull, Grupo Bimbo's CEO.

The award reflects Grupo Bimbo's concern over the generation of knowledge, the development of new technologies, and its interest and desire to foster research and disseminate scientific knowledge.

The Pan-American Bimbo Award forms part of the program, "Committed to your Health," created in 2003 in response to the Company's concern over improving the health and nutrition of its consumers in all the countries where it operates.

The program has five basic platforms in line with the Global Strategy On Diet, Physical Activity and Health (WHO), as follows: Products: reformulation and innovation; Information to the consumer; Responsible advertising and marketing; Promotion of physical activity and Healthy Life Styles; and Strategic alliances.

In this regard, Daniel Servitje said, "The Pan-American Bimbo Award is part of Grupo Bimbo's commitment towards health and nutrition and its objective is to drive research on these topics, thus contributing towards the improvement of food product quality and to address the needs and life styles of our consumers."

On her part, Patricia Villalobos stated that the Pan-American Award fosters the creation of links between the industrial and academic sectors in the aim of achieving significant progress in the field of innovation and creation of new technological platforms and competitive products for the market. She concluded that the acknowledgement awarded to the participating researchers reflects Grupo Bimbo's interest in driving scientific research in these fields of knowledge in both Mexico and the rest of the continent.

The call for projects announcement encompassed four different zones: The United States of America, Mexico, Central America and South America. The awards are bestowed for two different categories: Nutrition and Food Science and Technology, divided into two different branches: Young and Professional Researchers.

The winners for this year were: **USA**-Le Zhu, University of Wisconsin- Green Bay; Hannia Campos, Harvard School of Public Health; Devin Peterson, The Pennsylvania State University

Mexico-Edgar Dénova Gutiérrez, Instituto Nacional de Salud Pública; Nimbe Torres y Torres, Instituto Nacional de Ciencias Médicas y Nutrición "Salvador Zubirán" [ASN member]; Roberto Gutiérrez Dorado, Universidad Autónoma de Sinaloa

Central America-Mario Antonio García Pérez, Universidad de La Habana

South America-Cecilia Albala, Universidad de Chile; Elizabeth del Carmen Troncoso, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile; Franco Pedreschi, Universidad de Santiago de Chile.

Regarding Grupo Bimbo: Grupo Bimbo is the leading baked products company around the world due to its production and sales volumes. It has 105 strategically located plants in 18 countries of the Americas, Europe and Asia. Its product lines include: loaf bread, buns, cookies, pastries, packaged products, tortillas, salty snacks and confectionery products among others. GB produces nearly 5,000 products and has one of the most extensive distribution networks in the world, with more than 41,000 routes and over 108,000 associates. Grupo Bimbo strictly complies with the WHO Global Strategy On Diet, Physical Activity and Health. During 2002, Grupo Bimbo founded the civil association Reforestamos México, A. C., whose mission is to preserve and recover the green areas of our country by promoting a sustainable environmental culture and the participation of all social sectors. Since 1980, Grupo Bimbo shares are traded in the Mexican Stock Exchange (BMV), under the ticker code BIMBO. **For additional information on this award,** and the winning research papers, please visit: <http://premiopanamericano.grupobimbo.com>

Call for Nominations Kavli Prize 2010

The Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters announces the Call for nominations for the 2010 Kavli Prize in Astrophysics, Nanoscience and Neuroscience. The nomination period is September 1 - December 15, 2009. Everybody can nominate candidates with the exception that self-nominations will not be accepted. Nominations should be submitted to the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters using the online nomination form.

The nominations will be reviewed by three committees of leading international scientists within each of the scientific fields. The board of the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters will make its decision based on the prize committees' recommendations. The winners of the Kavli Prize 2010 will be announced by the Academy's President in June next year. The Kavli Prize will be awarded for outstanding achievements in advancing our knowledge and understanding in the fields of astrophysics, nanoscience and neuroscience. The Kavli Prize for each of these scientific fields consists of USD 1,000,000. The Kavli Laureates receive a gold medal, a scroll and a diploma in addition to the prize money. The Kavli Prize will be awarded at a ceremony in Oslo, Norway in September 2010.

The Kavli Prize was established in 2005 and is a partnership between the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters, the Kavli Foundation (US) and the Norwegian Ministry of Education and Research. The Kavli Prize is awarded every second year. Nomination guidelines: <http://www.kavliprize.no/artikkel/vis.html?tid=27289>

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Coming Events



DECEMBER

4-5 6th International Conference: Functional Foods for Chronic Diseases. Texas Woman's University, Denton, TX, USA. Information at: http://www.functionalfoodscenter.net/2009_Conference_Topics.html

1-6 International Society for Zinc Biology [founded in 2008] ISZB 2009 Meeting. Registration can be accomplished on line by connecting to <http://www.iszb.org/ISZB%202009%20Meeting%20Const.htm>. Jerusalem. The meeting will be held at the Mishkanot Sha'ananim Conference center, housed in a famous historical building dating to 1860 and overlooking the Tower of David and the Old City walls.

3-4 Tea and Health 2009: Nutraceutical and Pharmaceutical Applications - Last Advances, Controversies & Innovations. Dubai. For more information: www.dubai-tea.com International Society for Antioxidants in Nutrition and Health [ISANH]

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JANUARY

28-29 3rd Annual Recombinant Antibodies. BSG Conference Center, London UK. Contact Kirsty Chen +44(0) 207549 9951; kirsty.chen@vgpharma.com

APRIL

24-28 ASN Scientific Sessions and Annual Meeting. *Experimental Biology*, Anaheim CA. [To view major sessions program dial up www.nutrition.org click on meetings, then on annual meetings and then on the *EB2010* program. As soon as major scheduling of minisymposia has been accomplished [week of December 7] we will also post to the site the minisymposia scheduling.

MAY

6-8 The Power of Programming: International Conference on Developmental Origins of Health and Disease. Munich, Germany. The conference is jointly organized by the Early Nutrition Academy, (EC funded), Early Nutrition Programming Project (EARNEST) and the Developmental Origins of Health and Disease Society (DOHAD). It will be an opportunity to share the latest results that have come out of the Early Nutrition Programming Project as well as other recent findings on the long term effects of early

nutrition. The study of developmental programming requires an integrated multi-disciplinary approach and the conference will present results from clinical trials, epidemiological studies and basic science. We will bring together more than 250 clinicians and scientists from around the world. (for further information look at: www.metabolic-programming.org)

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: sscho397@yahoo.com; or www.NSResearch.org

JULY

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.

2011 [APRIL]

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

2012 [APRIL]

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.

SEPTEMBER

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

Datelines



Dateline West...with John McNamara

Barbara Underwood, former President of the International Union of Nutritional Sciences (1997-2001), was the recipient of the 2009 IUNS International Nutrition Prize of the Nevin S. Scrimshaw International Nutrition Foundation, awarded at the 19th International Congress of Nutrition in Bangkok, Thailand.

March of Dimes honors Dr. Gail Harrison for outstanding work in maternal-fetal nutrition

PHILADELPHIA, NOVEMBER 9, 2009 – A nutritionist whose research was instrumental in adding fruits and vegetables to the federal Women, Infants and Children (WIC) food subsidy will receive the March of Dimes Agnes Higgins Award for outstanding achievement in the field of maternal-fetal nutrition.

Gail Harrison, Ph.D., MNS, a professor in the Department of Community Health Sciences at the University of California, Los Angeles School of Public Health, will receive the award today at the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association (APHA) being held here.

Dr. Harrison is an internationally known scholar whose research – much of it in developing countries in Africa, the Middle East, and Latin America – has led to several important advances in maternal-fetal health. In the late 1970s and early 80s, her work proved that maternal obesity affects fetal growth. In 1983, Dr. Harrison was the lead investigator of a study in Egypt that demonstrated how the quality of a pregnant woman's diet influences the development and health of her baby and the nutrient composition of her breast milk.

More recently, as a member of an Institute of Medicine committee, **Dr. Harrison** conducted research that showed low-income pregnant women

are more likely to eat fresh fruits and vegetables if they receive specific food subsidies. That led to the committee's recommendation that fresh fruit and vegetable vouchers be distributed as part of the U.S. government's WIC program, which provides federal grants to states for food, health care referrals, and nutrition education. In 2008, WIC had more than 8,000,000 participants.

Dr. Harrison earned her bachelor's degree from the University of California-Santa Barbara, her master's from Cornell University, and her doctoral degree from the University of Arizona. She also served as the president of the Society for International Nutrition Research and has consulted with the World Health Organization.

Agnes Higgins was the longtime director of Canada's Montreal Diet Dispensary, a precursor of government nutrition programs for pregnant women in the United States. A pioneer in devising methods of nutritional assessment and counseling, she greatly advanced the understanding of diet as a crucial factor in healthy pregnancy and prevention of low birth weight. The award was created by the March of Dimes in her honor in 1980.

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

There was much of interest for the Latin American region at the 19th International Congress on Nutrition (ICN) in Bangkok, Thailand. A symposium on Latin America Highlights, included ASN Members **Odilia Bermudez**, **Chessa Lutter**, **Martha Kaufer-Horwitz**, **Daniel Lopez de Romana** and **Manuez Ruz**. **Drs Jose Dutra de Oliveira** of Brazil and **Nevin Scrimshaw**, founding director of the Institute of Nutrition of Central America and Panama, were among the

inaugural group elected as IUNS Living Nutrition Legends. As a further highlight, the IUNS Assembly approved Buenos Aires, Argentina as the venue for the 21st International Congress on Nutrition in 2017.

From Colombia... In September, **Helena Pachon** participated in a biofortification forum organized by the Ecuadorian Ministry of Public Health. In October, **Helena** hosted Kasia Kordas from Penn State University; they met with Colombian nutrition authorities and staff at the Centro Internacional de Agricultura Tropical (CIAT).

From Guatemala... Guatemala was the setting in August for the I Meso-American Congress of Nutritionists and the Scientific Program in celebration of 60th anniversary of the founding of the Institute of Nutrition of Central America and Panama (INCAP). **Noel Solomons**, **Odilia Bermudez** and **Nimbe Torres** were among the ASN members on the Congress program. All of the five directors of INCAP, including the founder, **Nevin Scrimshaw**, were present together in a special session of the INCAP anniversary. Also participating in the INCAP scientific program were **Benjamin Caballero**, **Reynaldo Martorell**, **Homero Martinez**, **Manuel Ramirez-Zea** and **Juan Rivera**.

Noel Solomons of CeSSIAM spoke on Bioethics and Innovation in Pediatric Research at the Nestle Nutrition Institute Workshop on the Drivers of Innovation in Pediatric Nutrition Research. Also speaking on various aspects of innovation on the Program were **Mario Ferruzzi**, **Frank Greer**, **Ferdinand Haschke** and **Bo Lonnerdal**, while the Key Note summary was delivered by **Dennis Bier**. **Noel** was also present at the 19th International Congress on Nutrition along with CeSSIAM's two post-doctoral fellows, Monica Orozco and **Marieke Vossenaar**. All CeSSIAM professionals participated in the pre-Congress satellites on Capacity Building and on Training in the Nutrition Leadership Program. **Marieke** had a distinguished poster presentation and a distinguished oral presentation. Others of Guatemalan origin in Bangkok were: **Manuel Ramirez-Zea** (INCAP), Erick Boy (IFPRI) and Omar Dary (A2Z, the USAID Micronutrient Project).

From Mexico... Attending the 19th International Congress on Nutrition in Bangkok were **Martha Kaufer-Horwitz**, **Roxana Valdes-Ramos** and **Juan Rivera**. **Martha** gave an update on the MesoAmerican region in the Latin American Highlights Symposium. **Roxana** presented on the topic of diet, exercise and mucosal immunity in the Symposium on Nutrition, Infection, Immunity and Inflammation. **Juan** was the speaker in the closing plenary, addressing the subject of nutrition as a sound investment for human capital.

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Dateline North...with Darlene Berryman

From Iowa State University... The Interdepartmental Graduate Program in Nutritional Sciences at Iowa State University hosted their annual Modern Views in Nutrition seminar series this past semester. The theme was "Nutrition and Epigenetic Regulation of Gene Expression" and invited speakers included **Janos Zempleni** (University of Nebraska, Lincoln), **Joe Eisenmann** (Michigan State University), **Shawn Donkin** (Purdue University), and **Jimmy Crott** (Tufts University). Lance Baumgard (dairy nutrition), **Stephanie Hansen** (beef nutrition), and **John Patience** (swine nutrition) have recently joined the animal nutrition section of the Department of Animal Science. Lance Baumgard spoke on his heat stress research at the 1st International Symposium on Dairy Cow Nutrition and Milk Quality in Beijing, China on May 5 and as part of the Department of Animal Science Distinguished Series at the University of Florida. He received the ADSA Foundation Scholar Award during July. **Don Beitz** was elected president-elect of the Federation of Animal Science Societies (FASS) at its Board of Directors recent meeting. **Lee Alekel** was an invited participant in the Equol, Soy, and Menopause Research Leadership Conference of the Life Science Research Office (LSRO) in June. **She** served as a NIH Study Section member for National Institute of Aging and as expert panel member for an NIH Scientific Workshop with title of 'Soy Protein/Isoflavone Research: Challenges in Designing and Evaluating Intervention Studies. **Wendy White** gave an invited presentation entitled "Vitamin A equivalence of beta-carotene-biofortified maize in women" at the International Congress of Nutrition in Bangkok, Thailand. **Suzanne Hendrich** received the John Doull Award of the Central States Society of Toxicology in October and gave a presentation at that meeting entitled "Thinking about antioxidant bioavailability". **Diane Birt** chaired an external review of the Food Science and Human Nutrition Departments at the University of Florida and at the University of Illinois-UC and participated in the External Advisory Committee meeting for the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center Botanical Research Center. **She** presented "Resistant corn starch and colon cancer prevention" at the recent IFT meeting. **She** also presented "Seafood risk-benefit considerations: A case study" via a Webcast of the IFT.

From Global Health and Wellness, Chicago, IL... **Cathy Kapica** gave an invited presentation on "Effective Nutrition Communication: Can we bridge

the gap between nutrition science and nutrition that sells” at the Tufts University Friedman School of Nutrition’s 2009 Symposium in September; an invited presentation on effective nutrition science communication at the International Food Technology Summit in Mexico City; and is co-star of the ongoing blog series The Lazy Cook and The Crazy Cook (www.lazycookcrazycook.com).

From Michigan State University... **Pam Fraker** presented a talk on “Impact of Obesity on Marrow Function and Hematopoiesis in the Overfed Mouse” at the Obesity Society meeting in October in Washington, DC. **Norman Hord** visited the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition at the University of Florida in September and presented a lecture on “Food Sources of Nitrates and Nitrites: Potential Health Benefits”.

From Ohio State University... From September 2 to 4, **Hugo Melgar-Quinonez** presented three talks at the Second Latin American Conference in Food Security Measurement, which took place at the University of Campinas (UNICAMP), Brazil. The conference chaired by Ana Maria Segall-Correa (UNICAMP) was also coordinated by a scientific committee including **Rafael Perez-Escamilla** (Yale University), Martha Cecilia Alvarez Uribe (U of Antioquia, Colombia), Mark Nord (USDA) and **Hugo Melgar-Quinonez**. On September 16, **Dr Melgar-Quinonez** participated at the National Food Security Conference in Bogota, Colombia, where the Colombian Household Food Security Scale was launched. This event, sponsored by several Colombian and international institutions, results from a long-term collaboration between **Hugo’s** research program and Prof Alvarez-Urbe at the University of Antioquia. On October 29 and 30, invited by Olga Garcia Obregon, **Hugo Melgar-Quinonez** presented two lectures at the Universidad Autonoma de Queretaro, Mexico, on household food security measurements in Latin America, and the association between food insecurity and obesity.

From Ohio University... **Darlene Berryman** and colleagues, John Kopchick and Edward List, received a \$1.7 million grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to determine the impact of growth hormone on longevity. The grant, one of the largest NIH awards received by Ohio University, is part of a larger, \$8.6 million program project initiative that includes researchers at Southern Illinois University, the Mayo Clinic, the University of Michigan and the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.

From University of Illinois-Urbana... **Sharon Donovan** has stepped down as Director of the Division of Nutritional Sciences after 10 years of service. **Rod Johnson** was named the new Director, effective October 16, 2009. **Dr.**

Johnson is currently Professor of Integrative Immunology and Behavior in the Department of Animal Sciences, College of ACES. **He** is known for his research on how diet affects neuroimmune interactions and behavior and has authored more than 90 refereed publications. **He** has received major research awards from leading scientific professional societies, including the American Society for Nutrition, the International Life Sciences Institute and the American Society of Animal Science. **He** currently serves on the editorial board of *Brain, Behavior and Immunity* and is secretary-treasurer of the Psychoneuroimmunology Research Society. The Fall 2009 seminar series Division of Nutritional Sciences seminar focused on lipid metabolism and was coordinated by **Jan Novakofski**. The following external speakers were featured: David A. Bernlohr (University of Minnesota) Biochemistry of lipids and adipocyte differentiation; **Richard D. Mattes** (Purdue University) The mechanisms and functions of fat taste in humans; and Nada A Abumrad (Center for Human Nutrition, Washington University, St. Louis) CD36 and regulation of fatty acid uptake. In addition, **Robert McMahon**, (Mead Johnson Nutrition) spoke on the Importance of data visualization in critical thinking and **Ahmed El-Sohemy** (University of Toronto) presented a seminar on Applying genomics to nutrition research. Stanley Ambrose published a paper in *Science* that used stable isotope analysis of fossil teeth of a new fossil skeleton of *Ardipithecus* from Ethiopia, dated 4.4 million years ago, along with two dozen other species, to reconstruct their diets and environments. **Kelly Swanson** was promoted to Associate Professor with indefinite tenure, effective August 16, 2009.

From University of Minnesota... Chi Chen (as Principal Investigator) and Blake Gosnell (Co-investigator) received a two-year R21 grant from the National Institute on Drug Abuse to investigate the metabolic biosignatures of chronic cocaine exposure. The University of Minnesota Healthy Foods, Healthy Lives Institute, directed by **Mindy S. Kurzer**, sponsored its first annual symposium “Critical Issues in Research and Public Policy” on September 21, 2009. The keynote speaker was **Barry M. Popkin** (UNC Chapel Hill) who spoke on “New dynamics of US and global shifts in diet and body composition: the world is fat.” Plenary speakers were Eric Decker (U Mass) on “The evolution of processed foods and opportunities for improving health”; Alyson Mitchell (UC Davis) on “Getting to the root of food quality: The influence of agriculture system practices on the nutrient density of organic foods”; **George A. Bray** (Pennington Biomedical Research Institute) on “Evidence relating soft drinks to obesity: it’s a matter of fructose” and Rebecca Irwin (Public Health Agency of Canada) on “Animal use of

Ceftiofur linked to the emergence of Resistant Salmonella Heidelberg in Chickens and Humans in Canada". Over 300 people attended, from the University, state and local public health and agriculture agencies, school districts, health insurance and food companies, community organizations and legislature. Susie Nanney has two papers accepted for publication 1) Nanney MS, Nelson T, Wall M, Haddad T, Kubik M, Laska MN, Story M. 'State School Nutrition and Physical Activity Policy Environments and Youth Obesity', *Am J Prev Med*, in press (January 2010) (selected as CME article). 2) Haire-Joshu D, Nanney MS, Elliott M, Davey C, Caito N, Loman D, Brownson R, Kreuter M. 'The Use of Mentoring Programs to Improve Energy Balance Behaviors in High Risk Children'. *Obesity Supplement*, in press. She was also a Session Moderator: "Diet versus Drugs for Obesity Treatment." Guest Panelists: **Allen Levine, George Bray**, Charles Billington and **Barry Popkin**: "Healthy Foods Healthy Lives Symposia: Critical Issues in Research and Public Policy" at the University of Minnesota. Minneapolis, MN. Sept.21, 2009. She also had one poster presentation: Nanney MS. Toben Nelson, Melanie Wall, Tarek Haddad, Martha Kubik, Melissa Nelson, Mary Story. State-level School Nutrition and Activity Policy Environments and Youth Obesity. Invited poster presentation, International Society Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity, Lisbon, Portugal, 2009. She received a two year \$100,000 grant (as Principal Investigator) from the NIH/NCI Administrative Supplement. Title: *Improving School Breakfast Practices and Policies*. Purpose: Evaluate the effect of environmental and policy level changes at school that improves access to school breakfast program upon student. She served as track chairperson for the Society for Behavioral Medicine and participated in the NIH Study Section Review for Psychosocial Risk & Disease Prevention Study Section, National Institutes of Health in September. Sabrina Peterson received a Cancer Prevention, Control, Behavioral, and Population Sciences Career Development Award, which is a 5-year grant from the National Cancer Institute. **Joanne Slavin** recently gave the following invited lectures: Dietary fiber from cereals and gut health - AACC - Baltimore, MD; Plants as superfoods: Fiber and phytochemicals - University of Nebraska; Dietary fiber and health, Penn State University, Conti Symposium. **Chery Smith's** lab presented two poster sessions at the annual Obesity Conference held Oct 24-28 in Washington DC. Title #1: Assessing Body Image and Body Dissatisfaction among Among Children ages 9-18 years. Authors: Urvashi Mulasi-Pokhriyal and **Chery Smith**; Title #2: Changes in Environment and Increased Acculturation Impact Food Security, BMI and Stature, and Diets of Among Children. Authors: Lisa Franzen and **Chery Smith**.

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Dateline East...with Robert Jackson

From the Division of Biobehavioral and Health Sciences, School of Nursing, at the University of Pennsylvania... **Stella Volpe** was an invited speaker at the World Congress of Sports Medicine, Fitness and Sports Sciences, Mexico City, Mexico, October 1 - 3, 2009. **She** presented her research on Prevention of Obesity and Diabetes through Minerals, Interventions and Environmental Change. She also presented on Nutrition and Physical Activity for Baby Boomers. **Dr. Volpe** was an invited speaker at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting and Exposition, Philadelphia, PA, November 7 to 11. The title of her talk was: Background and Overview: Water Needs in the U.S. **Dr. Volpe** was also an author on the following book: J. Salge Blake, K.D. Munoz, S.L. Volpe. *Nutrition: From Science to You*. Benjamin Cummings: San Francisco, CA, 2010.

From Yale University School of Public Health... **Martin Floch**, who is active as Clinical Professor of Medicine at Yale, has just completed the revision of his textbook. Elsevier will be publishing the 2nd edition of the text "Netter's Gastroenterology" in November. **Dr Floch** is Director of Ambulatory Gastroenterology of the Yale Medical Group where fellows in gastroenterology receive their training. They have a very active academic program and will also be publishing a book on probiotics. The text is completed, *Probiotics: A Clinical Guide*, and Slack publishers will have it in print early next year. **Rafael Pérez-Escamilla** joined the Yale School of Public Health (YSPH), effective September 1st as a tenured Professor of Epidemiology & Public Health, and Director, Office of Community Health. His primary affiliation is with the YSPH Social and Behavioral Sciences program within the Division of Chronic Disease Epidemiology. **Dr. Pérez-Escamilla** was a co-author of 12 presentations and organized and chaired the symposium 'Household Food Security Measurement In Developing Countries: Can We Inform Better Policy?' at the International Congress of Nutrition, Bangkok, Thailand, October 5-9. Symposium speakers included ASN members **Hugo Melgar-Quíñonez** (Ohio State), **Beatrice Rogers** and Jennifer Coates (Tufts) and **Se-Young Oh** (Kyunghee University, Korea). **Dr. Pérez-Escamilla** was recently appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Pan American Health and Education Foundation (PAHEF) in Washington DC. **Susan Mayne** has been named Division Chief, Chronic Disease Epidemiology, at

the Yale School of Public Health. **Dr Mayne** was also named "Researcher of the Year" by Business New Haven, for her work on nutrition and chronic disease prevention. She recently completed a five-year term on the Board of Scientific Counselors of the National Cancer Institute. One of **Dr Mayne's** doctoral students, Leah Ferrucci, won the Student Prize paper for 2009 from the American College of Epidemiology for her work examining various components of meat in relation to risk of colorectal adenomas. This work was done in partnership with the U.S. National Cancer Institute Division of Cancer Epidemiology and Genetics.

From Tufts University Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy... **Irwin Rosenberg**, Dean Emeritus of the Tufts University's Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy and Chairman of the Foundation Board, made the announcement in Bangkok, Thailand of the change of name of the International Nutrition Foundation in Boston to the **Nevin S. Scrimshaw** International Nutrition Foundation (NSSINF), in the honor of its founder and President. The announcement ceremony was presided over by Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn of Thailand. It was also announced that **Dr. Scrimshaw** would step down as Foundation President at the end of the year, to be succeeded by **Richard Uauy**.

From the Graduate Program in Nutrition at The Pennsylvania State University... **Gordon Jensen** spoke on "Inflammation, Aging and Sarcopenia" at the American Dietetic Association FNCE Meeting in Denver, October 2009. He also attended the 6th Nestle International Nutrition Symposium in Lausanne, October 2009. **Laura Murray-Kolb** spoke on "Maternal vitamin A supplementation: Effects on peri adolescent cognition" and "Mechanisms of micronutrients in the brain: Can new measurement techniques be used as a proxy?" at the International Congress of Nutrition in Bangkok, Thailand, October 4-9, 2009. **Sharon M. (Shelly) Nickols-Richardson**, received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the College of Human Environmental Sciences at Oklahoma State University during a celebration held on October 16, 2009, in Stillwater, Okla.

From the Department of Nutrition at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst... **Young-Cheul Kim** was an invited speaker for "The 3rd International Symposium on Oriental Fermented Medicine" from September 23-25, Jecheon, Korea.

From the Department of Nutrition at the University of Connecticut... **Nancy Rodriguez** presented a lecture on "Fueling the Basketball Player" at the "Complete Basketball Athlete Symposium" in Southington, CT on October 25. That afternoon **she** spoke to young female athletes and their parents on "Nutrition for the Female

Athlete" at the University of Connecticut Health Center's Musculoskeletal Research Institute's program, "Preventing injuries in the Female Athlete". On Monday, October 5th, **Dr. Rodriguez** participated in a discussion regarding the role of beef in the diet on Larry King Live.

From the Office of Dietary Supplements... The ODS sponsored a standard reference material for serum 25 (OH) vitamin D, which is now available at https://www-s.nist.gov/srmors/view_detail.cfm?srm=972. **Rebecca Costello** moderated a session at the American College of Nutrition meeting entitled, "Update on Nutrition Research Methodologies" in Orlando, FL. **Regan Bailey** presented current NHANES findings on total usual intake of calcium and vitamin D and **Johanna Dwyer** moderated a session on Conflict of Interest sponsored by the ADA Foundation and ILSI, Funding Nutrition Research: Who Can You Trust?, and another talk on "Insights from the Feeding Infants and Toddlers Survey (FITS)" sponsored by the ADA Foundation and Nestle Nutrition at the ADA FNCE Conference in Denver in October. **Johanna Dwyer** also moderated a session at the National Academies' Food Forum Oct 29-30 in Washington on Healthy Foods as We Age. In early November, **Dr. Dwyer** spoke at the Nutrition Society of Brazil in Sao Paulo on "Micronutrient Supplements and Chronic Disease". **Joseph Betz** presented "Unique Challenges and Possible Solutions for the Scientific Evaluation of Botanicals and Specialty Dietary Supplements" and **Paul Coates** moderated a session entitled "Different Perspectives on Nutritional Supplement Research" at the Council for Responsible Nutrition's Day of Science in Los Angeles, CA.

From the Beltsville Human Nutrition Research Center, ARS, USDA... An updated version of the National Nutrient Database for Standard Reference (SR22), the USDA flagship nutrient database and major authoritative source of food composition in the U.S, was launched by the Nutrient Data Laboratory (NDL) on September 30. Over 200 new entries have been added to the SR22, which now exceeds 7,500 food items. Data for over 140 food components (e.g., vitamins, minerals and fatty acids) are provided for each food item and is derived from USDA-sponsored laboratory analyses, food-industry data and the scientific literature. Approximately 3,000 new values for Vitamin D (naturally occurring and added) have been included and were used to prepare intake reports for the IOM panel reviewing the DRIs for vitamin D. Also included are nutrient profiles for 38 family-style, Latino and Chinese restaurant foods. SR22 can be downloaded from NDL's website: www.ars.usda.gov/nutrientdata. In addition, the Dietary Supplement Ingredient Database, First Release (DSID-1), was made available at <http://dietarysupplementdatabase.usda.nih.gov> on April

20. The DSID-1 was developed at the Nutrient Data Laboratory and funded in large part by the Office of Dietary Supplements/NIH. DSID-1 provides estimated ingredient levels derived from analyzed nutrient levels in a representative group of adult multivitamin/minerals (MVMs) consumed in the U.S. and enhances researchers' ability to investigate relationships between supplement intakes and health. **Donna Rhodes**, Food Surveys Research Group, was an invited speaker on dietary data collection in the U.S. and an ad-hoc member of the Expert Group on Food Consumption Data of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), which met in Parma, Italy on October 14-15. **Alanna Moshfegh**, Research Leader, Food Surveys Research Group, was invited to speak at a symposium on Evaluation of Food Intake to Conduct Public Policies at the XV Congress of the Latin American Society of Nutrition on November 17 in Santiago, Chile. A new report from What We Eat in America, NHANES 2005-2006 entitled "*Usual Nutrient Intakes From Food and Water Compared to 1997 Dietary Reference Intakes for Vitamin D, Calcium, Phosphorus, and Magnesium*" was released on the Food Surveys Research Group website at http://www.ars.usda.gov/SP2UserFiles/Place/12355000/pdf/0506/usual_nutrient_intake_vitD_ca_phos_mg_2005-06.pdf. To develop this report, the vitamin D values were derived from the USDA National Nutrient Database for Standard Reference, Release 22, described above. **Janet Novotny**, Food Components and Health Lab, was appointed as a Scientific Advisor to the US Potato Board. **David J. Baer**, Research Leader, Food Components and Health Lab, was the invited keynote speaker at the Chinese Nutrition Society annual meeting on October 15 in Shanghai, China, where he spoke on his research with dietary whey protein and its role in maintaining a healthy body weight and preventing metabolic syndrome.

From the Department of Nutritional Sciences at Rutgers University... **Dawn Brasaemle** presented an invited seminar, "Lipid Droplet-Associated Proteins Control Triacylglycerol Metabolism" at the Department of Cell Biology, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, on September 22. **Nurgul Fitzgerald** delivered an invited talk about type 2 diabetes prevention methods at the Saint Peter's University Hospital, Department of Medicine's Grand Rounds on September 8, 2009. Also, **Dr Fitzgerald**, Alexandra Greci and Victoria Greci did a poster presentation titled, "Barriers to Diabetes Prevention and Care" and won the second place award in the Research Division at the American Association of Diabetes Educators Annual Conference, in Atlanta, GA. **Daniel J. Hoffman** presented an invited seminar for the 28th Summer Symposium in Molecular Biology, Nutrition, Genes, and Physical Activity: Understanding Obesity from Conception and Beyond at the Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA on August 14,

2009. The title of his seminar was "Developmental and environmental factors predisposing children to obesity in adulthood". **John Worobey** was invited to and chaired the thematic session on "Methodological Approaches for Developmental Data," at the XIVth European Conference on Developmental Psychology, held in Vilnius, Lithuania, August 18-22 2009. As part of the symposium, he also delivered a talk on "Measuring Motor Activity in Human Infants: Developmental Considerations."

From the Division of Nutritional Sciences at Cornell University... **T.Colin Campbell** in October gave the lead lectures at two of the three new US Medical Schools, namely the University of Central Florida (Orlando) and Florida International University. The topic at both was "Nutrition, the missing link in medical practice". He also lectured in Singapore, China and elsewhere on how nutrition has been so misunderstood and confusing. **Dr. Campbell** was interviewed on Ion October 12. **Anna Herforth** gave a "distinguished poster" presentation at the 19th International Congress of Nutrition in Bangkok, Thailand in October. The presentation, co-authored with Wachira Kaguongo and Per Pinstrup-Andersen, was entitled "Agricultural production and nutrition-focused marketing of traditional African vegetables: effect on diet". On October 5, **Michael Latham** was named a "Living Legend in Nutrition" at the 19th International Congress of Nutrition in Bangkok. This honor was personally bestowed on him by Her Royal Princess Maha, daughter of the King of Thailand, for his role as "a respected leader in nutrition whose significant contribution is recognized at national, regional, and international levels." **Malden Nesheim** attended, and presented an invited paper, at the International Symposium on Nutrition held in Jakarta, Indonesia from October 11-13. At the 19th International Congress of Nutrition in Bangkok in October **Joann McDermid** gave a talk entitled "Gene-nutrient interaction predicts HIV mortality." **Kathleen Rasmussen** presented the plenary lecture at the meeting of the Swedish Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists in Norkoping in Sweden, on "Weight gain during pregnancy: reexamining the guidelines" and also gave a second lecture titled "The road from the 1990 to the 2009 guidelines for weight gain during pregnancy." **Rebecca Stoltzfus** has returned to Cornell after spending one year as a visiting professor in the Department of Community Health of Kilimanjaro Christian Medical College (KCMC) in Moshi, Tanzania. During her sabbatic leave, she conducted research in two regions of Tanzania on nutritional competencies of health workers. She also established a collaborative course in Global Health and Nutrition Policy at KCMC. This will regularly enroll 12 Cornell global health students and 12 KCMC medical students

to research case studies in health, nutrition and economic development. **Dr. Stoltzfus** and **Dr. Rasmussen** were both honored in October by being elected Fellows of the International Union of Nutritional Sciences. **Christine Olson** presented a talk on "Interventions to Prevent Excessive Weight Gain in Pregnancy" on October 25, 2009 at The Obesity Society, 27th Annual Scientific Meeting in Washington, DC.

From The Center for Genetics, Nutrition and Health... **Artemis P. Simopoulos** co-chaired the 3rd Congress of the International Society of Nutrigenetics/Nutrigenomics (ISNN) held on October 21-23, 2009 at the Natcher Auditorium at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in Bethesda, Maryland.

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Dateline Southeast...with Kathryn Kolasa

From East Carolina University... **Kathy Kolasa** presented "Serving up Good Health: Hospitals as Leaders in Healthy Eating Environments" at the American Dietetic Association annual meeting. **She** also had a poster with colleagues from NC State University and the Division of Public Health describing the implementation and evaluation of "Eat Smart Move More Weigh Less" curriculum.

From the University of Alabama, Birmingham... Janie Gilliland and Frank Franklin who co-authored an article were recognized by Robert Wood Johnson. The paper was voted the second most influential child obesity research paper of the year. The name of the article is "Influences of Physical and Social Neighborhood Environments on Children's Physical Activity and Obesity." The Robert Wood Johnson website can be found at <http://www.rwjf.org/pr/product.jsp?id=43830>.

From the University of Florida.... The Food Science and Human Nutrition Department has a new Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Program in Nutritional Sciences, with a major in Nutritional Sciences (http://fshn.ifas.ufl.edu/nutritional_science/graduate.shtml). The new program capitalizes on the diverse nutrition-related faculty from departments across campus. For more information about the program, contact **Mitch Knutson** mknutson@ufl.edu. **Sue Percival** was invited to attend the 6th Nestlé International Nutrition Symposium that was held in Lausanne, Switzerland

October 22 and 23. **Gail Rampersaud** received the Abbott Award in Women's Health at the ADA FNCE on October 19. **Neil Shay** gave an invited research seminar "Consumption of soy isoflavones activates bile acid metabolism and the xenobiotic response" at the Human Nutrition Research Centre, INRA-Clermont-Ferrand-Theix, France, October 5.

From the University of North Carolina at Greensboro... Two doctoral candidates have been awarded the Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA), National Institutes of Health Predoctoral Fellowship: **Kristina Martinez** (mentor **Michael McIntosh**) and **Bradley S. Ferguson** (mentor **Ron F. Morrison**). Graduate student Meghan McQuerry (mentor **Lauren Haldeman**), received the 2009 Society for Nutrition Education Public Health Nutrition Division Research Award for her abstract titled, "Development of Culturally Appropriate Nutrition Education Materials and Messages for Low Income Latina Immigrants of Guilford County, NC." **Cheryl Lovelady's** study on the effects of exercise on bone density among breastfeeding mothers was featured in *LA Times*. Guoxiang Xie, Post-doctoral Fellow at the UNCG-Dept of Nutrition's Center for Research Excellence in Bioactive Food Components, presented a departmental seminar entitled, "Metabonomic evaluation of melamine-induced acute renal toxicity in rats."

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Dateline Canada ... with Gordon Zello

From the Canadian Society for Nutritional Sciences... On January 1st, 2010, the Canadian Society for Nutritional Sciences (CSNS) will officially merge with the Canadian Society for Clinical Nutrition (CSCN). The new society, the Canadian Nutrition Society (CNS), will bring together basic and applied research scientists and clinicians who have a nutrition focus, as well as nutrition professionals (i.e. research dietitians). Its final annual meeting was held in Quebec City in June 2009. The steering committee chaired by **Angelo Tremblay** put together an exciting technical program which brought together researchers spanning the breadth and depth of nutrition research in Canada from all disciplines. The opening plenary lecture and Rock Concert by **Jean-Pierre Despres** was a great start to the meeting. For over 40 years the Canadian Society for Nutritional Sciences has been in existence, and it has had a long and productive history. We all are looking forward to the new start, and the opportunities it brings.

From the University of Guelph... Bill Woodward received the honorary title of Professor Emeritus at the University of Guelph. Susan Evers has retired after 20 years in the Department of Family Relations and Applied Nutrition. Dr. Evers's career at the University of Guelph has been distinguished in research, teaching and service. Dr. Janis Randall Simpson has been promoted to Associate Professor and is on a sabbatical leave for 2009/10 in the Nutrition Research Division at Health Canada. David Mutch has been appointed Assistant Professor of nutritional genomics Department of Human Health and Nutritional Science. He will be studying diet-gene and diet-metabolite interactions in human obesity using cutting edge technologies... Leah Bent, Lindsay Robinson, and Lori Vallis were promoted to Associate Professor. Kelly Meckling has been promoted to Full Professor.

From the McGill University... **Harriet Kuhnlein** has retired as McGill Emeritus Professor. However, **Dr Kuhnlein** continues leadership for the CINE Food Systems for Health project and had many team members in attendance at the International Union of Nutritional Sciences conference held in Bangkok this past October.

Note from Harriet: Greetings Colleagues and Special Friends, The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization today has a press release about our book on the FAO home page. This is quite an honor- I was so pleased to see it, and the notation to CINE and McGill... <http://www.fao.org/> The FAO website has the full story, which should be a permanent link. Here it is: <http://www.fao.org/news/story/en/item/29629/icode/> Thanks again to everyone who contributed in their various ways to this project! Please pass the word along to your colleagues. Harriet



From the University of Alberta... **Catherine Field** was recently awarded the 2009 Earle Willard McHenry Award at the joint meeting of the Canadian Society for Clinical Nutrition and the Canadian Society for Nutritional Sciences in Quebec City. "The award is given in recognition

of distinguished service in the field of nutrition by a Canadian or Canadian-based individual." **Linda McCargar** has been recognized as a Fellow of the Dietitians of Canada (FDC). Fellows are "exemplary members who have demonstrated excellence in their career achievements."

From the University of Manitoba... Bruce McDonald, Professor Emeritus, was honored by the Canola Council of Canada in March of 2009 when he was made an "Honorary Life Member of the Canola Council of Canada" in recognition of his research and promotion of the nutritional and health attributes of canola oil. **Jim House** has been awarded the 2009 Centrum Foundation New Scientist Award from the Canadian Society for Nutritional Sciences. **Dr. House** and **Carla Taylor** were members of a Manitoba delegation that went to New Zealand and Australia in March 29 to promote research and collaborations on functional food and nutraceuticals.

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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 the Children's Nutrition Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine... **Teresa Davis** presented an invited talk on "Amino Acids and Insulin as Regulators of Muscle Protein Synthesis" at the European Association of Animal Production in Barcelona, Spain on August 24. **Dr. Davis** also presented talks on "Regulation of Neonatal Muscle Growth" at the Rowett Institute of Nutrition and Health, University of Aberdeen on July 30 and "Developmental Regulation of Protein Synthesis" at AgroParisTech in June.

From Kansas State University... Two seminar speakers visited the Department of Human Nutrition. Eric Decker of the University of Massachusetts visited as a University Distinguished Lecturer and delivered two seminars: 1) "Delivery Systems for Incorporating Omega 3 Fatty Acids in Food Systems" and 2) "How to Incorporate Processed Foods into a Healthy Diet?" **Susan Nitzke**, Head of the Department of Nutritional Sciences at the University of Wisconsin delivered

a seminar entitled "In Defense of Food: Are Criticisms of the Nutrition Profession Justified?"

Denis M. Medeiros received a 5-year \$1.1 million renewal of the NIH grant "Bridges Uma Chitra is a Fulbright Scholar from India and she is teaching a graduate course in "Nutrition in Developing Countries". Dr. Chitra is Head of the Department of Clinical Nutrition and Dietetics at Kasturba Gandhi Degree and PG College of Women. **Brian Lindshield** was selected to be a Wakonse Fellow as part of the Wakonse Conference for College Teachers at Camp Miniwanca on Lake Michigan, June 2009.

From South Dakota State University... **Teri Kemmer** has designed and implemented a travel studies course to provide students the opportunity to learn about nutrition issues and assist in conducting anthropometric and biochemical assessments of children living in rural Honduras. SDSU faculty and students are working collaboratively with the Honduran Ministry of Health, Joint Task Force Bravo Medical Element, and the San Antonio Military Pediatric Center to complete nutrition assessments of children and provide nutrition instruction to families. The course is research focused and teaches team members how to conduct research in austere environments. A transdisciplinary team from SDSU is in the process of expanding KidQuest, a nutrition and physical education program designed by Becky Jensen, Cooperative Extension Educator. KidQuest education is targeted to 5th and 6th grade students within the classroom and incorporates school and family involvement. Londa Vander Wal, Project Manager, Food Safety, Animal and Plant Health, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) presented "Improving Health, Safety and Productivity of Women Vegetable Farmers in The Gambia" at SDSU on September 25. A new PhD degree in Nutritional Sciences has been approved at SDSU. Previously it was an area of emphasis in the Ph.D. Program of Biological Sciences. This is the first semester of the new and exciting program! **Kendra Kattelmann** is the principal investigator of a multistate National Research Initiative Competitive grant from the USDA National Institute for Food and Agriculture to develop a program for excessive weight gain in young adults. Co-investigators are from University of Rhode Island, University of Maine, Rutgers University, East Carolina University, University of Wisconsin, Kansas State University, Tuskegee University, Purdue University, and Michigan State. Ashley McCormick, graduated May 2009 from Nutrition, Food Science Hospitality Dept, SDSU, was selected to receive an Undergraduate Research Award at FNCE 2009 for her abstract titled "Fun Fruit and Veggie Event", which enhances acceptance of fruits and vegetables in school-aged children. **Minette Herrick**, graduated May 2009 with a MS in Nutritional Sciences, received a

graduate research award at Society for Nutrition Education, July 2009, for her abstract titled "Characterization of Time and Order of Internet Lessons in Project WebHealth". Howard Wey, with the EA Martin Program in Human Nutrition, was an invited speaker at the Muscle and Bone Working Group Symposium at the American Society for Bone and Mineral Research. He presented a talk on the "Role of Lean and Fat Mass on Bone Accrual in Children Aged 8 to 18 Years".

From Texas A&M University... Between September 16 and September 25, **Stephen Smith** visited South Korea and presented "Carcass and Fatty Acid Composition of Calf-fed and Yearling-fed Angus Steers" at the 3rd Korea-U.S. International Symposium on Beef Cattle Research. **Dr. Smith** also presented "Lipid Metabolism in Beef Cattle" to faculty and staff at Chonnam National University in Gwangju, Korea and to faculty and staff at Chungbuk National University in Cheongju, Korea. **Robert Chapkin** spent the month of October working in the lab of Sergio Grinstein, in the Division of Cell Biology, The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto. The Grinstein laboratory is a world leader in biological membranes and protein trafficking. **Dr. Chapkin's** research is focusing on the Identification of selective dietary modifiers of epidermal growth factor receptor signaling - a primary contributor to mucosal repair and colorectal neoplasia. **Nancy Turner** gave an invited seminar entitled "Fiber and Colon Cancer Prevention: Molecular Mechanisms" at the University of North Texas Health Sciences Center, Institute for Cancer Research in Fort Worth, TX on October 7. **She** is currently serving as a mentor to student teams competing in the Conrad Foundation, Spirit of Innovation Awards.



Joanne Lupton was elected to the Institute of Medicine. **Joanne** is also serving on the Animal and Human Biology Panel of the Decadal Survey on Biological and Physical Sciences in Space for the National Academy of Sciences, which is providing advice on space research for the next 10 years.

The 37th annual Texas Human Nutrition Conference will be held February 5, 2010 at the Annenberg Presidential Conference Center on the Texas A&M campus in College Station. The theme is "The Slippery Slope to Health: Adding Good Fats Back to the Diet." Conference chair **Rosemary Walzem** notes that confirmed speaker list and conference details can be found at <http://nutr.tamu.edu/THNC2010.htm>.

News from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln...

A doctoral candidate, Bethany Murray, (mentor **Nancy Lewis**) was awarded an American Dietetic Association Foundation scholarship. Randy Jirtle visited Lincoln to deliver a talk on "Genomic Imprinting and Disease Prevention" as part of the Nebraska Gateway for Nutrigenomics seminar series. **Janos Zempleni** chaired a grant review panel of the Germany Ministry of Education and Sciences on October 26/27 in Berlin, Germany. He also presented a talk on "Nutrigenomics" to nutrition practitioners from the State of Nebraska.

From the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center...

The Department of Clinical Nutrition at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center is pleased to announce that it will begin offering a Master of Clinical Nutrition in Fall, 2010. Two tracks will be available: 1) a Coordinated Program that leads to eligibility to become a registered dietitian and 2) a program for licensed health professionals desiring further expertise in clinical nutrition and research.

From the USDA/ARS Grand Forks Human Nutrition Research Center...

Lisa Jahns joined the Grand Forks Human Nutrition Research Center in January, 2009 as a Research Nutritionist. She came to Grand Forks from Knoxville, TN, where she was an Assistant Professor of Public Health Nutrition in the Department of Nutrition. **Dr. Jahns'** research focuses on identifying behavioral, physiological, dietary, and biological causes and mediators of unhealthy eating behavior, inactivity, and unhealthy body weight in the American public, and to identify effective ways to facilitate and promote behavior changes in individuals and groups to meet dietary and physical activity recommendations for health. **She** has been designated to host the 34th National Nutrient Databank Conference in Grand Forks, ND, July 12-14, 2010. In March 2009, **Matthew Picklo**, joined the USDA/ARS Grand Forks Human Nutrition Research Center as Research Leader of the Micronutrient Absorption and Metabolism Research Unit. As Assistant Professor of the Department of Pharmacology at the University of North Dakota, his research addressed the roles of lipid peroxidation in health and disease with an emphasis on mitochondrial dysfunction. This work focused upon factors affecting metabolism of bioactive, lipid aldehydes derived from endogenous n-3/n-6 fatty acids, and their roles in cardiovascular and neurologic health. He is extending his work to address the health roles of dietary n-3/n-6 fatty acids and their relationship to obesity, type II diabetes and cardiovascular disease. **Dr. Picklo** was awarded the 2009 Herman Esterbauer Award for lipid peroxidation research. In October 2009, Pedro Del Corral joined the Grand Forks Human Nutrition Research Center as a Research Physiologist. Most recently, he

was a Post-Doctoral Scholar in the Department of Nutrition Science and an Assistance Instructor in the Department of Biology at the University of Alabama, Birmingham. Dr. Del Corral's research interests include endocrinology and energy metabolism in obesity, aging and diabetes, dietary adherence quantified by doubly labeled water, and translation of exercise biology and nutrition science in health care. **Huawei Zeng** gave an invited lecture entitled "Mechanisms of Cancer Prevention by Selenium" as a part of physiology series in the University of Wyoming, October 22, 2009. The following seminars were presented at the Grand Forks Human Nutrition Research Center. **Stefan Paitakes** and **James McClung**, U.S. Army Research Institute of Environmental Medicine, presented "Bench top to Battlefield: Optimization of Soldier Health and Performance through Nutrition Science" on August 4; **Leah Whigham**, University of Wisconsin, presented "Putting Together the Pieces: Obesity Prevention and Treatment" on August 5. **Chwan-Li Shen**, Texas Tech University, presented "Green Tea and Bone Health" on September 24; **Alan Diamond**, University of Illinois, presented "Selenium, Selenoproteins and Cancer: The Case for GPx-1" on September 24; **Sean Adams**, ARS/Western Human Nutrition Research Center, presented "Obesity and Diabetes: What We Can Learn from Gene Discovery and Mitochondrial Exhaust Pipes" on September 24.

From Utah State University...Martha Archuleta

was named Associate Dean for the Regional Campuses and Distance Education in the Wasatch Front region on August 3.

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Dateline Europe...with Ko Van Wouwe

The European Society for Pediatric Research held its 50th annual meeting at Hamburg Germany, October 8-12. The Scientific Programme committee was chaired by **Hans Van Goudoever** from its section Nutrition, Metabolism and Gastroenterology (Rotterdam, the Netherlands). All abstracts of the meeting are published in supplement 460, volume 98 of *Acta Paediatrica*.

Several important other international meetings will be held at European sites. It was announced at the 19th International Congress on Nutrition in Bangkok, Thailand that the 20th convening of the ICN will take place in Granada, Spain in the Fall of 2013. Also circulated at the Bangkok meeting was the First Announcement for the

more proximal II World Congress on Public Health Nutrition (II WCPHN), to be held in Oporto, Portugal on September 23 to 25, 2010. Presiding over the Executive Committee for the II WCPHN are ASN members **Benjamin Caballero** and **Ricardo Uauy**. The co-Presidents of the Scientific Committee are Luis Serra-Majem, Ibrahim Elmadfa and **Noel Solomons**. Information on the II WCPHN can be found at: <http://www.nutrition2010.skyros-congressos.com>

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IUNS UPDATE FROM THE US ADHERING BODY – ASN

The American Society for Nutrition (ASN), in its role as the US Adhering Body to the IUNS literally entered Bangkok and the Convention Center [BITEC] accompanied by the proverbial 'brass band'. Many of our members were invited guests and speakers. We had two of our members re-elected to IUNS Council positions: Both Lindsay Allen and Suzanne Murphy were re-elected. Anna Lartey was elected President. She assumed the post of First Vice-President (equivalent to President-Elect) immediately, and will become President in Granada in 2013.

The organization, planning, and attention to every detail were superb. Representation from 106 countries, more than 4000 delegates and over 300 internationally renowned nutritional scientists, researchers and clinicians shared the latest in the field of nutrition. Highlighting each day was Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn whose presence served to heighten the emphasis which the organizing committee had placed on the theme of the Congress, "Nutrition Security for All". Her Royal Highness has devoted over thirty years to improving the nutritional well-being and quality of life of the poorest and the neediest throughout the world.

On the night of the Living Legends presentations [see September 2009 *Nutrition Notes* for this new and wonderful addition to the Congress] the Princess remained behind after the ceremony to visit with each of the 28 honorees [10 were from the US and all ASN members!!!]. We continue to wait for the transfer of the program to our website. It is truly a wonderful program, listening to the 28 messages which the 28 living legends offered to the nutritionists of the future.

Barbara Underwood, ASN member and former IUNS President, received the IUNS Award, presented once every four years at the International Congress. Four ASN members, who were nominated by current IUNS Fellows [it takes one to nominate one!! - thank you Drs Habicht and Underwood] were selected as Fellows: Harriet Kuhnlein, Richard Deckelbaum, Kathleen Rasmussen and Becky Stoltzfus. Barry Popkin delivered the EV McCollum Lecture and Michael Holick received one of the DSM Nutrition Awards for 2009. Our President, Jim Hill and our Executive Officer, John Courtney had very successful collaborative meetings with the various leaders of the Korean Nutrition Society, Japanese Nutrition Society, Spanish Nutrition Society, the Vietnamese Nutrition Society, and the British Nutrition Society. It is anticipated that we will soon begin to work closely with the Korean Nutrition Society to develop ways in which we can each interact for the benefit of each society's membership.

Now we begin the hard part -- keeping up our energy levels and interacting with our IUNS Council representatives and our ASN representative to the IUNS, Ben Caballero, to determine what plans and projects we should be aware of to which we can direct our efforts and those of our members both in the international community as well as those at home in the US.

In the end, it was a grand time!!!! [Our booth was swamped with visitors who took all of our membership forms!!!!]



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