ASN President Invites You to Nutrition 2018

Mary Ann Johnson, PhD, took a few moments out of her first days as ASN President to provide an overview of what you can expect at ASN’s inaugural flagship meeting, Nutrition 2018, June 9-12, Hynes Convention Center, Boston, MA. Mark your calendars for Nutrition 2019, June 8-11, Baltimore, MD and Nutrition 2020, May 30-June 2, Seattle, WA. More dates will come soon, such as deadlines for session proposals, abstracts, registration and hotels. Watch for updates each month in Nutrition Notes and sign up for email updates, preferential pricing and a special surprise we know you will enjoy.

Click here to view the press release announcing the start of Dr. Johnson’s presidency.

FY 2018 Budget Announced

The Fiscal Year 2018 Trump Administration budget proposal was released on May 23rd. Titled “A New Foundation for American Greatness,” the budget balances over ten years, reduces the debt as a percentage of GDP to lowest level since 2010, and increases funding for defense by cutting almost all areas of non-defense spending and safety net programs across the federal agencies. See below for nutrition-specific cuts.

Congress ultimately decides appropriations for the federal science funding agencies, so reach out to your members of Congress today and let them know important nutrition research support is to your work. FASEB’s online Legislative Action Center allows you to enter your zip code to find your members of Congress and their contact information.

More Public Affairs News

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services would be cut by 16% ($12.7 billion). See HHS budget here.
- Reduces funding for the National Institutes of Health by 21%, $7.16 billion (from $34.1 billion to $26.9 billion)
- Eliminates the Fogarty International Center
- Eliminates funding for CDC’s Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity (DNPAO), as well as several other CDC agencies and programs including; tobacco prevention and control; diabetes; heart disease and stroke. In exchange, the $500 million America’s Health block grant is proposed to states, funded from the Prevention and Public Health Fund (PPHF). This is down from about $850 million in FY17 for those programs combined
- CDC funding for chronic disease prevention and health promotion activities is reduced by over $200 million (from $1.174 billion to $952 million)
- Reduces funding for FDA’s food safety program by $117 million (from $1.417 billion to $1.3 billion)

U.S. Department of Agriculture would be cut by 21% ($4.6 billion). See USDA budget here.
- Reduces funding for the National Institute of Food and Agriculture’s Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) competitive grants program by $26 million, 6.9% from (from $375 million to $349 million).
- Reduces funding for Agricultural Research Service (ARS) by...
$153 million, 13% from ($1.17 billion to $1.017 billion).

- Reduces funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) by $193 billion over the next 10 years (a 25% cut).
- Reduces funding for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) by $188 million (from $6.35 billion to $6.15 billion) and eliminates $1 billion in carryover amounts from prior years, resulting in a net funding of $5.15 billion.
- Does not provide funding for school kitchen equipment grants, the Farmers Market Nutrition Program, the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program, and the McGovern-Dole International Food for Education program, among others.

Part 4 of the National Nutrition Research Roadmap Webinar Series Now Available

The fourth and final webinar of the series, The National Nutrition Research Roadmap: Application of systems science, design and systems change to effect population level change in eating behaviors, took place on May 31, 2017. ASN developed this Webinar series to provide perspectives from the research community on future opportunities in nutrition research. This webinar highlights research gaps and opportunities related to the application of systems science, design and system change to effect population level change in eating behaviors. The webinar features speakers Bruce Y. Lee, MD, MBA, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health; Michele Forman, PhD, Purdue University; and Mark Denbaly, PhD, USDA-ERS. View the recording here.

View the first three recorded sessions at these links:
- Part 1: Basic Science and Epidemiology of Nutrition
- Part 2: Measuring and Monitoring Individual Dietary Intake and the Food Environment
- Part 3: Behavioral Science of Eating

ASN Global Activities

ASN continues to grow and strengthen its global partnerships to advance nutrition and public health. ASN President Marian Neuhouser recently represented ASN and delivered a feature presentation at the 71st Annual meeting of the Japanese Society of Nutrition and Food Science (JSNFS) in Okinawa, Japan. She also delivered a joint symposium from ASN’s China Interest Group and the North American Chinese Nutrition Society at the 13th China Nutrition Science Congress in Beijing, China.

Pictured left: Dr. Neuhouser, joined by ASN Past President Patrick Stover, Xingen Lei and Huanbio Mo

Dr. Lv-Hui Sun Receives ASN’s Milton L. Sunde Award during the Chinese Nutrition Society’s National Nutrition Week

Dr. Neuhouser had the privilege of presenting ASN’s Milton L. Sunde Award to Dr. Lv-Hui Sun (Huazhong Agricultural University) in Beijing last month. Endowed by the Sunde family, this award is given for publication in The Journal of Nutrition of outstanding experimental, applied or fundamental research in nutrition that uses an avian species. Dr. Sun received the award for his manuscript entitled “Prevention of Aflatoxin B1 Hepatotoxicity by Dietary Selenium Is Associated with Inhibition of Cytochrome P450 Isoenzymes and Up-Regulation of δ-Selenoprotein Genes in Chick Liver” (J. Nutr. 2016 146: 655-661).

Research Funding Opportunity
The Mushroom Council announces the availability of research grants co-funded through the U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Institute of Food and Agriculture (USDA/NIFA) in the program priority area of Food Safety, Nutrition and Health that help address the Dietary Guidelines for Americans to lower the energy density in the food supply and decrease sodium consumption in the U.S. population.

Details of the announcement can be found here (click on “View RFA” - page 27). The deadline for submitting applications to USDA is July 6, 2017, 5 PM ET.

Recognizing the Top Reviewers for ASN Journals

The Editors of The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition, The Journal of Nutrition and Advances in Nutrition would like to express gratitude to all the individuals who served as reviewers for ASN journals in 2016 and, in particular, recognize the following individuals whose service was exceptional with respect to the number of manuscripts reviewed and the quality and timeliness of their reviews.

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Each year, more than 1,990 individuals serve as reviewers for ASN journals. We greatly appreciate their willingness to share their time and expertise to ensure the high quality of research published in ASN journals. If you would like to serve as a reviewer for an ASN journal, please learn more here.

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ASN Journal Highlights

The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition (AJCN)
June 2017, 105(6)

Editor’s Pick

Nutritional profile of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program household food and beverage purchases [Grummon & Taillie]

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), previously referred to as “food stamps,” is the largest food assistance program supported by the United States government. Today, more than 45 million Americans participate in SNAP. However, does participation in SNAP lead to purchasing healthier foods and beverages? This basic question was asked recently by Anna Grummon and Lindsey Taillie at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Their results, published in the June 2017 issue of the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition, shed light on this question by analyzing SNAP households’ dietary intake compared to households without SNAP participation.
of The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition, suggest that the answer to this question is “no.”

**The Journal of Nutrition (JN)**

June 2017, 147(6)

**Editor’s Picks**

- **Dietary Methionine Restriction Regulates Liver Protein Synthesis and Gene Expression Independently of Eukaryotic Initiation Factor 2 Phosphorylation in Mice** [Pettit et al]
- **Dietary Human Milk Oligosaccharides but Not Prebiotic Oligosaccharides Increase Circulating Natural Killer Cell and Mesenteric Lymph Node Memory T Cell Populations in Noninfected and Rotavirus-Infected Neonatal Piglets** [Comstock et al]
- **Upregulation of Zinc Absorption Matches Increases in Physiologic Requirements for Zinc in Women Consuming High- or Moderate-Phytate Diets during Late Pregnancy and Early Lactation** [Hambidge et al]

**Advances in Nutrition (AN)**

May/June 2017, 8(3)

**Issue Highlights**

- **Perspective: A Historical and Scientific Perspective of Sugar and Its Relation with Obesity and Diabetes** [Johnson et al]
- **Preserving Healthy Muscle during Weight Loss** [Cava, Yeat & Mittendorfer]

**Highlights from Other Journals**

- **Significant Locus and Metabolic Genetic Correlations Revealed in Genome-Wide Association Study of Anorexia Nervosa** [Duncan et al]
- **Fruit Juice in Infants, Children, and Adolescents: Current Recommendations** [Heyman & Abrams]
- **Association of Changes in Neighborhood-Level Racial Residential Segregation With Changes in Blood Pressure Among Black Adults** [Kershaw et al]
- **Aerobic or Resistance Exercise, or Both, in Dieting Obese Older Adults** [Villareal et al]
- **Optimal nutrition and the ever-changing dietary landscape: a conference report** [Shao et al]

**Recent CDN article among top 5% of all articles tracked by Altmetrics**

A recent article published in *Current Developments in Nutrition (CDN)* is currently among the top 5% of all research outputs tracked by Altmetric. The article “Usual Consumption of Specific Dairy Foods Is Associated with Breast Cancer in the Roswell Park Cancer Institute Data Bank and Biorepository” was published on March 24, 2017. Altmetric has tracked 7,540,200 research outputs across all sources so far. Compared to these this one has done particularly well and is in the 99th percentile: it’s in the top 5% of all research outputs ever tracked by Altmetric.

In the article, Researchers at Roswell Park Cancer Institute report that while high overall consumption of dairy products, and in particular of yogurt, is linked to a lower risk for breast cancer, high intake of American, cheddar and cream cheeses was associated with a slightly increased risk for breast cancer. Sixty-five news outlets, including many national and international broadcast media stations, covered the study. The article also gained attention from over 1,400 Twitter users, including a large number in Saudi Arabia where yogurt is a popular food.
Member Spotlight (see full interview here)

Interview with Kristen Hicks, MS, RD, LD

Kristen will soon graduate with a PhD from Texas A&M University. She will be an Assistant Professor at the University of North Florida starting in August 2017. Her research focus is to develop and implement online nutrition education modules for physicians and other healthcare professionals to understand and apply nutrition care to patients.

We chose Kristen as a special member spotlight this month so that we could share her story of making a professional connection through our new online member community, ASN NutriLink. We thank her and all of our active ASN NutriLink users!

Q: What was your impression of ASN NutriLink when you logged on for the first time?
A: Having an outlet provided to connect with other professionals and students is exciting and there are few, if any, options out there to do so. It was great to see that ASN created such a network that allowed me to learn about various student/professional research interests nationwide and globally. The website has many links and is a bit confusing at first, but the discussion board is a wonderful area to network and good start to the website. I was impressed ASN had initiated this platform.

Q: Can you give a summary of how you came to receive a job interview through ASN NutriLink?
A: I had posted my research interest on the ASN NutriLink discussion board, under "Introduce Yourself". In just a few days I received an email from a NutriLink colleague, in the email he mentioned that he felt my research interests aligned with a current job opening. Immediately I was shocked and excited at a potential opportunity from such a new program. Days later I received an email from that company manager requesting an interview- who would have guessed! This job didn't end up working out because I selected a different position, but that gentleman was correct. I was a great fit and it was a wonderful opportunity that I hope to explore in the future.

Q: Have you explored any of the other features on the site, such as MentorLink and the Member Directory?
A: I have looked through MentorLink and even applied to be a mentor and mentee. My motto in life is "if you don't try, you will never know". I would love to guide graduating doctorates on my experience. I feel like this may be a good avenue to start as a new professor. I wouldn't say that I've devoted extended bits of time, but I do love the regular email updates, I read all of those!

Q: Do you have any advice for students and young professionals to get more involved in ASN NutriLink, and/or ASN in general?
A: Get involved and do more than just research. ASN NutriLink is a great avenue that takes less than 10 minutes to complete a profile. Again "if you don't try, you will never know"; to all faculty, staff, leaders and newbies- make a profile to begin getting involved with your science community. As a researcher and medical professional, we need to be speaking the same language and connecting with our peers. There is no reason to reinvent the wheel if we can connect similar researchers to collaborate and advance the field as a whole.

Read the whole interview here.

Important Dates

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**International Conference on Obesity and Weight Loss**  
(Barcelona, Spain)

Nov 28-Dec 1, 2017  
**10th International Symposium on Nutritional Aspects of Osteoporosis**  
(Hong Kong, China)

June 9-12, 2018  
**Nutrition 2018 - Hynes Convention Center (Boston, MA)**  
Join ASN for its flagship nutrition-focused annual meeting!

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