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The American Society for Nutrition Welcomes New President, Dr. Mary Ann Johnson

Leadership priorities include strategic planning for ASN's 100-year anniversary, expansion of publishing mission and membership development, and research funding advocacy

Rockville, MD – June 1, 2017 – The American Society for Nutrition (ASN) today named Mary Ann Johnson (Ph.D.) president. Dr. Johnson's one-year term begins on June 1, taking over for Marian L. Neuhouser (Ph.D.), who remains on ASN's board of directors.

Dr. Johnson outlined her priorities for the next year in a presentation to the full ASN board, including supporting and securing its endorsement for ASN 2028, a ten-year strategic plan to establish and set the organization's direction for its 100-year anniversary. Dr. Johnson will also focus on reinforcing trust in the process and results of ASN's nutritional science, promoting recommendations from its blue ribbon advisory committee to maintain ASN's reputation as a pioneering authority in its field.

Dr. Johnson's agenda also includes launching Nutrition 2018, ASN's new scientific sessions and annual meeting; expanding the readership and global impact of the Nutrition Science Collection of journals; enhancing the ASN member experience and developing ASN's new online collaborative community, ASN NutriLink (nutrilink.nutrition.org/home); and advocating for increased research funding from government and private institutions.

"I am honored for this opportunity to serve the American Society for Nutrition, its members, and the community that this organization has championed for almost 90 years," said Dr. Johnson. "ASN has played a pivotal role in shaping my career and my passion for nutritional science, and I look forward to contributing to a new generation's advancement of nutrition research as we plan ASN's next century of leadership."

Dr. Johnson is the Flatt Professor in Foods and Nutrition, College of Family and Consumer Sciences, and Associate Director, Institute of Gerontology, College of Public Health at the University of Georgia. She has served ASN as a national spokesperson, Scientific Program Committee member, Medical Nutrition Council secretary-treasurer, Public Information Committee chair, Public Policy Committee ex-officio, and most recently as vice president. Dr. Johnson is also a member of the Institute of Food Technologists and the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. She earned a Ph.D. in Nutritional Sciences from the University of Wisconsin and a B.A. in Chemistry from the University of Northern Iowa.

"The American Society for Nutrition is proud to add Dr. Mary Ann Johnson to our tradition of leadership. As our next president, Dr. Johnson will have the opportunity to build on a legacy of success that she helped create at ASN, establishing a vision for our future," said ASN Executive Officer John E. Courtney (Ph.D.). "We have the luxury to plan for 2028 largely thanks to the insight and dedication of Marian L. Neuhouser (Ph.D.), who led ASN to thrive in a rapidly changing environment. Among many other initiatives, Dr. Neuhouser helped to guide strategic planning for the ASN publications portfolio, positioning our premier scientific journals to adapt and sustain long term growth. The board and the entire ASN community is grateful for her service."

The American Society for Nutrition appoints a new president every year, with terms beginning in June. Candidates include the most highly respected professors and researchers in the U.S., with rich backgrounds in community engagement, public policy advocacy, and academic leadership across a broad spectrum of nutritional science areas.

About the American Society for Nutrition

ASN is the authoritative voice on nutrition and publisher of *The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition*, *The Journal of Nutrition*, *Advances in Nutrition* and *Current Developments in Nutrition*. Established in 1928, ASN's more than 6,500 members in more than 75 countries work in academia, practice, government and industry. ASN advances excellence in nutrition research and practice through its publications, education, public affairs and membership programs, reaching over 36 million individuals annually. Visit us at www.nutrition.org.

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