

### **ASN Nutrition Research Briefing**

Three USDA Human Nutrition Research Centers were highlighted during a March 8<sup>th</sup> briefing on Capitol Hill cosponsored by Representatives Jim McGovern (D-MA) and Rick Crawford (R-AR) in support of nutrition research across the lifespan. ASN Executive Officer Dr. John Courtney provided the opening remarks and introduced Rep. McGovern. Directors from the Human Nutrition Research Centers, all ASN members, were featured speakers: Dr. Sarah Booth, Jean Mayer USDA Human Nutrition Research Center on Aging at Tufts University; Dr. Denny Bier, Baylor College of Medicine Children's Nutrition Research Center; and Dr. Sean Adams, Arkansas Children's Nutrition Center. Each discussed the important work being conducted at their center to highlight the need for continued funding.

### **ASN Nutrition Research Advocacy Day**

The American Society for Nutrition is partnering with the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, Society for Nutrition Education and Behavior, and the Food Trust to host a Hill Day on **Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>** in Washington, D.C. We encourage all interested ASN members to participate! Participants will meet with congressional offices between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm to advocate for nutrition research and nutrition education in the 2018 Farm Bill.

The more the merrier—and more the congressional offices we can meet with to help them learn about the importance of nutrition research! [Register today to join us!](#) Please also [register for the prep webinar](#) on Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm Eastern to prepare all participants for the day of action. Registration closes by Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. Please contact [Sarah Ohlhorst](#), MS, RD, ASN Senior Director of Advocacy and Science Policy, with any questions. Please contact [Tenásha Williams-Ebrahimkhel](#) with any questions regarding registration.

### **ASN 2018 Farm Bill Webinar**

Register now for the ASN webinar [Farm Bill and Beyond: Advocating for Nutrition and Research](#), which will be held on **Tuesday, April 10 at 1:00pm Eastern!** This webinar aims to inform ASN members about the 2018 Farm Bill and its impact on nutrition-related work and research. This webinar will provide an overview of how the Farm Bill is crafted, explore the nutrition-related elements of the Farm Bill, and review the overall importance and impact of advocacy for nutrition and research, as well as provide insight to advocacy best practices and approaches to overcome challenges. Speakers include Drs. Cathie Woteki and Lauren Au, Jerold Mande, and Tamara Fucile.

### **ASN Provides Remarks to Committee to Review Sodium and Potassium DRIs**

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine Food and Nutrition Board held a public workshop for its [review of the Dietary Reference Intakes \(DRI\) of sodium and potassium](#). The committee heard from researchers about existing research, methodology, health consequences, and safety issues, as well as public comments from organizations including [the American Society for Nutrition](#). This DRI Committee will likely be the first to review, in-depth, the nutrient need for sub-populations including those with chronic disease.

### **ASN Co-Sponsors Workshop Examining Special Nutritional Requirements in Disease States**

The Food and Nutrition Board of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine will host a [two-day public workshop](#) that will explore the evidence for special nutritional requirements in disease states and medical conditions that cannot be met with a normal diet and the workshop will explore how these requirements may apply to the management of chronic or acute conditions or diseases that include inborn errors of metabolism, burns or surgical trauma, cancer, inflammatory bowel disease, traumatic brain injury, and other non-communicable diseases or medical conditions. ASN is one of several sponsors for this important workshop and will provide remarks during the workshop.