It's the right time for Advances in Nutrition

Dear Colleagues:

We are pleased to announce the publication of Advances in Nutrition, an international review journal launched by the American Society for Nutrition on November 16, 2010 (advances.nutrition.org). Everyone is invited to take advantage of its high-profile, state-of-the-science reviews in the nutritional sciences. To enlist readers and successfully launch Advances in Nutrition, the Executive Board of The American Society for Nutrition (ASN) has decided to offer the publication without the need for subscription until 2012. Given the growing popularity of online journals and the need to keep costs low, the journal will be an electronic publication only with the option of purchasing individual print issues.

Why did the ASN decide to publish this new reviews journal? The answer is simple: it will benefit our members and the broader community interested in nutrition. Our 2 flagship journals, The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition (AJCN) and The Journal of Nutrition (JN), publish <30% of the manuscripts submitted to them. Although they publish some review articles, the primary focus of both AJCN and JN is on the publication of original research reports. The launch of Advances in Nutrition will allow ASN to greatly expand the availability of high-quality review articles on all aspects of nutrition research. Moreover, ASN members and associated professionals have told us that it is increasingly difficult to keep abreast of important developments outside their specialties. Advances in Nutrition will help them do so. There is growing interest in the nutritional sciences well beyond the ASN community. This includes not only health care professionals but also the general public. Like our membership, they need a source that succinctly explains the importance and application of original research findings in the nutritional sciences.

With the launch of Advances in Nutrition, ASN will be able to address this unfulfilled need to publish high-quality review articles in an online format and extend our reach and impact to a much broader audience. Whereas AJCN and JN are primarily focused on discovery, Advances in Nutrition will help ASN fulfill its commitment to translation of nutritional science.

ADVANCES IN NUTRITION WILL COVER IT ALL

From basic research findings to clinical applications, Advances in Nutrition will cover the latest developments in nutritional science, medical nutrition, and international nutrition. Editor John W Suttie worked closely with the leaders of all 3 ASN Scientific Councils and all 15 Research Interest Sections to ensure that the journal’s international editorial board reflected the diverse interests of the ASN membership. Today, he and the editorial board continue to work with the Councils and the Research Interest Sections to solicit manuscripts in all areas of the nutritional sciences. Moreover, feedback from the Councils and the Research Interest Sections has been pivotal in developing articles that are not only informative but will also help members advance their own research, apply the latest findings, and grow professionally.

SEE FOR YOURSELF!
The inaugural issue of Advances in Nutrition explores some of the most important developments, trends, and practices in nutrition. I encourage you to peruse the complete issue, including such insightful reviews as:

- Functional Amino Acids in Growth, Reproduction, and Health
- (n–3) Fatty Acids: Clinical Trials in People with Type 2 Diabetes
- Epigenetics: A New Bridge between Nutrition and Health
- Control of Systemic Iron Homeostasis by the Hemojuvelin-Hepcidin Axis
- Pulse Consumption, Satiety, and Weight Management

STAY INFORMED!
Exploring each new issue of Advances in Nutrition will not only draw attention to the most important discoveries from around the world but will also enable our members and the broader community interested in nutrition science to better understand how these new discoveries are connected and how our current state of knowledge shapes practices and policy. Please read our inaugural issue, and we welcome your feedback. Let us know which types of reviews you would like to see and which additional types of content would be helpful. You can e-mail Editor John W Suttie at advances@nutrition.org.

With your support, Advances in Nutrition will encapsulate the nutritional sciences, helping readers to discover not only what has happened but also to provide perspective to the nutritional challenges that face us globally.

Sincerely,
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American Society for Nutrition

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