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ASN Welcomes New President, Catherine Field, PhD, RD

Leadership priorities include strategic planning for ASN's 100-year anniversary in 2028, advancing membership, publications, meetings and education, and advocating for increased research funding.

Rockville, MD – July 5, 2018 – The American Society for Nutrition (ASN) named Dr. Catherine J. Field as President for the 2018-2019 year, and her one-year term began on July 1, taking over for Dr. Mary Ann Johnson, who remains on ASN's Board of Directors.

Dr. Field outlined her priorities for the next year in a presentation to the full ASN Board, including support for ASN 2028, the ten-year strategic plan to establish and set the organization's direction for ASN's 100-year anniversary. Dr. Field's agenda also includes the continued success of Nutrition 2019; expanding the readership and global impact of ASN Journals; enhancing the ASN member experience with expanded membership offerings and educational opportunities; and advocating for increased research funding from government and private institutions.

"It's my honor to serve the American Society for Nutrition, its members, and the scientific community for which this organization has advocated for the past 90 years," said Dr. Field. "ASN has played an essential role in my career development and helped nourish my passion as a nutrition scientist, and I look forward to contributing to the next generation of scientists and practitioners as we plan ASN's next century of leadership."

Dr. Field is a Professor in the Department of Agricultural, Food and Nutritional Science in the Faculty of Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences at the University of Alberta and holds an adjunct position in the Department of Medicine and Dentistry. She has served ASN as an international spokesperson, Associate Editor for *Advances in Nutrition*, member of the Scientific Program Committee, member of the Diet & Cancer and Nutrition Immunology Research Interest Sections, and most recently as Vice President. Dr. Field is also a member of the Canadian Nutrition Society, where she was an early proponent of ASN's first joint membership offering with that organization.

Catherine Field obtained a BAsC in Applied Human Nutrition from the University of Guelph, an MSc in Nutrition from the University of Toronto, and a PhD in Nutrition and Metabolism from the University of Alberta. She has published more than 250 peer-reviewed publications and has received a Volunteer recognition award from Dietitians of Canada, the McCalla Scholarship and Killiam Professorship from the University of Alberta, the ILSI Future Leaders award and was awarded in 2009 the Earl Willard McHenry Award for Leadership and Service in Nutrition from the Canadian Nutrition Society.

"The American Society for Nutrition is proud to add Dr. Catherine Field to our long-standing tradition of great leaders. As our next President, Dr. Field 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, PhD. "We have the luxury to plan for 2028 largely thanks to the insight and dedication of Mary Ann Johnson, PhD, who championed ASN to thrive in a rapidly changing environment. Among many other initiatives, Dr. Johnson 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 July. Candidates include the most highly respected professors and researchers, 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

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