FROM CHILDHOOD OBESITY TO SNAP!
Opportunities and Challenges in Nutrition Research

Washington, DC – December 2, 2013, For Immediate Release – The role of nutrition research in improving health will be the focus of a presentation at National C-FAR’s hill research seminar on Wednesday, December 4 at a noon luncheon in 1300 Longworth House Office Building. The featured speaker is Robert M. Russell, M.D., Professor Emeritus of Medicine and Nutrition at Tufts University; Director Emeritus of the Jean Mayer U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Human Nutrition Research Center on Aging; President of the American Society for Nutrition (ASN) Foundation; Past President of ASN; and former Special Advisor to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Office of Dietary Supplements.

“Innovative nutrition research and education provide a fundamental basis for solving larger health-related issues, thus allowing individuals to live healthier and more productive lives,” says Russell.

“This presentation provides an excellent example of the value of federally funded food and agricultural research, extension and education in producing the scientific outcomes and outreach needed to meet 21st century challenges and opportunities,” says Chuck Conner, President of the National Coalition for Food and Agricultural Research (National C-FAR).

Abstract:
The importance of nutrition as an integral part of solutions to many world-wide societal, environmental, and economic problems is now becoming fully appreciated.

Learn about the six areas of nutrition research where findings will greatly contribute to the prevention and treatment of major chronic diseases, including cardiovascular disease, diabetes and cancer.

Learn how nutrition research will increase our understanding of the underlying causes of obesity and its related co-morbidities, thus holding promise for positively influencing global economies.

Knowledge about providing adequate nutrition plays an important role in reducing or ending food insecurity through optimization of agricultural practices.

Population growth is undeniably leading to an increased global demand for a safe, available, sustainable, and affordable food supply that will also provide increased nutritional value.

Seminar presentations are available at http://www.ncfar.org/Hill_Seminar_Series.asp. The seminar is open to the public and the media.

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Go to http://www.ncfar.org/Hill_Seminar_Series.asp for more information about the seminar series and past topics. Interviews with National C-FAR President Chuck Conner are available by request. For additional information, go to www.ncfar.org; or contact Tom Van Arsdall, Executive Director, at tom@vanarsdall.com or (703) 509-4746.