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Program:

From Childhood Obesity to SNAP

Opportunities and Challenges in Nutrition Research

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PROGRAM

Welcome and Introduction

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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. 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. 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.

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY

Robert M. Russell, M.D., is 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; and former Special Advisor to the National Institutes of Health (NIH). He has served on national and international advisory boards including for the NIH, Food & Drug Administration, World Health Organization, UNICEF, US Pharmacopoeia Convention, American Board of Internal Medicine, and as chairman for the USDA Human Investigation Committee. Russell served as chair of the National Academies of Science Panel on Micronutrients and as a member of the Panel on Folate, Other B Vitamins, and Choline. He is former chair of the Food and Nutrition Board of the Institute of Medicine. He has worked on international nutrition programs in several countries including Vietnam, Iran, Iraq, Guatemala, China, and the Philippines. He is a member of numerous professional societies and serves on the editorial boards of 5 professional journals. Dr. Russell is a Fellow and past president of the American Society for Nutrition and serves as Chair of the ASN Foundation. Dr. Russell co-edited two editions of Present Knowledge in Nutrition, and was the Editor in Chief of Nutrition Reviews. Russell is a Board member of the Nestle and Fetzer Foundations, and is on the Board of Trustees of the US Pharmacopeia. He has received numerous national and international awards for his research on retinoids and carotenoids, and has authored over 300 scientific papers and 5 books.
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