

RDPG Annual Report 2009-10

Research Dietetic Practice Group
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Mission and Vision

Mission: The Research DPG is leading the future of dietetics by promoting the conduct and application of research related to food, nutrition and dietetics.

Vision: Research DPG members are the most valued source for conducting, interpreting, and applying research related to food, nutrition and dietetics.

Goals

The goals of the Research DPG are:

1. to support the goals of American Dietetic Association;
2. to assess and plan for continuing professional education needs of the dietetic practice group members;
3. to promote the visibility of dietetics research and communication between researchers and practitioners;
4. to promote original research activity of dietetic practice group members; and
5. to provide a network for reviewing and exchanging information and educational materials relating to dietetics research and to include liaison relationships with ADA dietetic practice groups, state research practice groups, and other organizations with research activities.

Leadership and Administration

- A. Provided monetary support for the Chair-elect to attend the American Dietetic Association (ADA) Leadership Institute (2009).
- B. Convened DPG Executive Committee and other officers (Chair, Chair-elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Co-Editors, DPG Liaison, Professional Issues Delegate (PID), Research Committee liaison and Nominating Committee Chair via conference calls.
 1. Discuss ways to increase Member benefits
 2. Discuss possible initiatives with which the DPG can align
- C. Convened an annual members' meeting at FNCE 2010 in Boston.
- D. Provide monetary support for Chair, Past Chair, Chair-elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Nominating Committee Chair and 1 Digest editor to attend FNCE 2010 in Boston.
- E. Submitted and sponsored one priority session proposal for FNCE on a cutting area of research alone or in conjunction with another DPG.
- F. Submitted and sponsored one session on behalf of the CTSA (Clinical Translational Science Award) sub-unit. See details below

- G. Provide student abstract awards to DPG graduate and undergraduate members for abstracts presented at FNCE. See winners below
- H. Present our first annual member seed grant for research.

Continuing Education

- Planned a webinar for next fiscal year, as an CEU opportunity for members and non-members, webinar was held in October 2010.
- Planned and submitted session: Nutrition Research in Space and Its Down-to-Earth Applications for FNCE 2010 –

Communication

- Create, maintain and track usage of an up-to-date, interactive web site of use to members.
- Continue to communicate via listserv and email to membership using google groups
- Create an exclusively on-line informative and useful newsletter containing information on members, award opportunities, DPG annual report, research activities, the ballot etc.

Partnerships

- Partnered with other DPGs and ADA Research Committee to support development of a Research Toolkit for members
- Sponsored basket for silent auction that benefits the Foundation

Promoting Research

- Sponsored a priority session at FNCE in Denver on manuscript development that was well attended and well received, with speakers, Teresa Fung ScD, RD, LDN Debra Krummel PhD, RD, LD and Patricia Sheean PhD, RD (all RDPG members)
- Two students received an award for their research. They were awarded at our member breakfast on October 19, 2009:

2009 Research DPG Award Recipients

Graduate Student Awards

- **Martha Valverde -**
Valverde MM, Lewis NM. Learomega3rd: A website design streamlining access to online resources useful for answering dietitian's omega-3 questions. *J Am Diet Assoc.* 2009;109:A55. This project was completed at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln (Lincoln, NE).

Undergraduate Award

- **Ashley McCormick -**

McCormick A, Kattelman K, Ren C, Richards A, Wells K. 'Fun Fruit and Veggie Event' enhances acceptance of fruits and vegetables in school-aged children. *J Am Diet Assoc.* 2009;109:A83. This project was completed at South Dakota State University (Brookings, SD).

Budget

- DPG remains fiscally sound with sufficient reserves
- Operated within proposed budget