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**PRESS RELEASE**

**CONSUMERS GRANTED FREE ACCESS TO PEER-REVIEWED  
RESEARCH ON FOOD AND NUTRITION**  
**Editors Speak Out: We Must Break Down the Barriers  
to Quality-controlled Food and Nutrition Research**

**15 October 2007, Stockholm:** Rather than simply reading *about* new research findings, consumers as well as researchers will soon be able to freely access and read full-length original research articles on food and nutrition. Co-Action Publishing is pleased to announce that a contract signed with the Swedish Nutrition Foundation last week will guarantee that *Food & Nutrition Research* (formerly *Scandinavian Journal of Food & Nutrition*) will publish all content Open Access, free of subscription fees, as of January 2008.

Traditionally, research journals come with a hefty subscription price for those seeking access, but the editors of *Food & Nutrition Research* wish to break down this barrier. Commenting on the decision to drop subscription fees, Editor-in-Chief Professor Nils-Georg Asp, MD, states, "Through an Open Access publishing model, *Food & Nutrition Research* opens an important forum for researchers from academic and private arenas to exchange the latest results from research on human nutrition, including support for health claims on foods and food supplements. Importantly, Open Access means that a wide audience - including policy-makers and even consumers - can directly access quality-controlled results from human nutrition studies. In turn, this means wider distribution and greater impact for the authors publishing in *Food & Nutrition Research*."

Editor-in-Chief Nils-Georg Asp is Professor of Applied Nutrition at Lund University, Director of the Swedish Nutrition Foundation and former Chairman of the Steering Committee of the PASSCLAIM project, which developed consensus criteria for the Scientific Substantiation of Health Claims for the European Union. Asp will work with Editors Asim Duttaroy, Professor of Nutrition, Oslo University, Mikael Fogelholm, Director, Academy of Finland, Health Research, and Inge Tetens, Head of Nutrition Department, National Food Institute, Technical University of Denmark, and

an international Editorial Board, to develop the journal into one of the most reliable sources of research on human nutrition. All submissions will be stringently reviewed by leading experts in relevant fields.

The Open Access distribution of the journal is good news for authors. A number of studies indicate that articles that are freely accessible tend to be more readily cited. Moreover, the journal has the potential of reaching a truly global audience, including many health care professionals and researchers in developing nations. The online nature of the journal also means full access to papers within just a few weeks after acceptance, and authors can enjoy unlimited color, the inclusion of multi-media, links to data sets, and unlimited use of their own material.

The journal will be funded by a combination of modest publication fees, which are generally covered by an author's institution or funding agency, online advertising and commercially sponsored Open Access supplements to the journal. An annual low-cost print edition of the journal will be available to those libraries and individuals who wish to purchase a copy.

*Food & Nutrition Research* will be published by Co-Action Publishing as from January 2008. A recently established, international Open Access publisher and consulting house based in Scandinavia, Co-Action Publishing is proud to have been entrusted with this responsibility. States Senior Publisher Anne Bindslev, a co-founder of Co-Action Publishing: "With editors and editorial board members of the excellent caliber we here see, and in combination with Open Access, we are confident that *Food & Nutrition Research* will very quickly become one of the most important sources of information on food and nutrition."

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