Institute of Medicine’s Global Forum on Innovation in Health Professional Education
The Academy is expanding its outreach to health care professionals throughout the globe. Academy members and RDNs Kathryn Kolasa and Katherine Eliot represented the Academy at the Institute of Medicine’s Global Forum on Innovation in Health Professional Education on April 23 - 24 in Washington, D.C. Since 2012, the Global Forum has brought together stakeholders from multiple nations and professions to network and discuss within health professional education. According to the IOM: “The Forum convened stakeholders to illuminate contemporary issues in health professional education but also support an ongoing, innovative mechanism to incubate and evaluate new ideas.”

The Global Forum conducted a two day public to explore recent shifts in the health and health care industry and their implications for health professional education and workforce learning and included such topics as:

• Opportunities for new platforms of communication and learning.
• Continuous education of the health workforce.
• Global health professional education, training, and practice and the role of culture in perceptions and approaches to health and disease.
• Opportunities for team-based care and other types of collaborations.
• Social accountability of the health professions.

National Kidney Foundation
The Academy is pleased with the current partnership with the National Kidney Foundation (NKF) focused on Evidenced-Based Practice Guidelines for Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) patients. Staff members from the Research, International and Scientific Affairs team met with NKF to explore further opportunities on the development of a toolkit for implementation of the Evidence Analysis Library (EAL) - NKF Nutrition guidelines for CKD. They discussed the new directions the EAL team is going with the toolkits and how ANDHII will be utilized. Additionally, NKF would like to develop a number of patient focused tools and possibly link those with ANDHII through a patient portal.

Family Medicine for America’s Health on “Health is Primary” Campaign
Family Medicine for America’s Health is a new collaboration between the nation’s eight leading family medicine organizations to drive continued improvement in the U.S. health care system and demonstrate the value of primary care. Part of their work includes “Health is Primary,” a three-year communication campaign to advocate for the values of family medicine, demonstrate the benefits of primary care, and drive patient activation. The first year of this campaign they have two focus areas of particular interest to the Academy – “nutrition and fitness” and “chronic disease management.” They have been doing city tours to showcase examples of how true primary care works. Their goal is to use these stops to bring together local stakeholders to look at community-level interventions that are working to enhance and expand primary care and improve health.

We are delighted to report that Family Medicine for American’s Health sees the Academy as an important partner, particularly around their nutrition-related work. Since initiating conversations with them in December 2014, we have been able to contribute to their work in the following ways:
• They “picked up” four stories we provided them about nutrition and primary care that feature our members and have used or are in the process of using them as part of their city tours and campaign materials. We are in the process of identifying additional stories featuring RDNs.
• They have asked us to identify a RDN to serve as a panelist at their Chicago event on May 19, 2015. To date the panel presentations have included only physicians, many of whom have spoken about team-based care and inclusion of RDNs.
• Academy member and RDN Bonnie Jortberg is serving as on-site coordinator for their city tour in Denver scheduled for October 2, 2015.

We are scheduling a time to speak with them further about opportunities to partner with them. Their actions speak loudly about their genuine interest in working with us and featuring our members in their activities.

World Women’s Health and Development Forum Board
In February Former Academy President and RDN Susan Finn presented “Fueling Sustainable Development: Nutrition and the Health of Women” at the first World Women’s Health and Development Forum at the United Nations headquarters in New York City. The forum was dedicated to promoting excellence in education and science, and playing an influential role in regional and international women and girls’ health, research and policy and supporting women’s development. As a follow-up to the presentation, Princess Nisreen El-Hashemite, Executive Director of the Royal Academy of Science International Trust (RASIT) extended an invitation to Susan to join the executive board of RASIT. In addition, Princess Nisreen is interested in exploring partnership opportunities with the Academy. RASIT is an independent international NGO dedicated to promoting excellence in education and science and plays an influential role in regional and international higher education policy and supports developments in Science Technology Medicine in a wide range of ways.

Video Featuring Work of RDN with Major League Baseball Team
A informative press release went out to sports nutrition focused media announcing a new video: Fueling the Professional Athlete: Dietitians in Sports that promotes RDNs working with sports teams (specifically baseball in this case) and features past-Academy spokesperson, Leslie Bonci, MPH, RDN, CSSD, LD. This is a very timely video with 2015 baseball season just getting underway. In addition, we are excited to announce the launch of a new Nutrition for Sports, Performance, and Fitness track at FNCE 2015 as well as an expanded EXPO floor which will include a new Sports Nutrition Zone. You may have seen the promotions on our Eat Right Facebook page (www.facebook.com/eatrightnutrition), our Eat Right Twitter account (www.twitter.com/eatright) and in Eat Right Weekly.

Additional Member Activities by Director-at-Large
Presentations made on behalf of the Board of Directors:
- Oklahoma Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics state meeting, March 2015
- Nutrition and Dietetic Educators and Preceptors Area 6/7 meeting, April, 2015

- “Meeting the Need for Obesity Services: A Toolkit for the RD/MD Partnership”
- “Integrating Registered Dietitians into Primary Care”

Medical Home News, a spin-off from our article in the December Journal on “Registered Dietitian Nutritionists Bring Value to Emerging Health Care Delivery Models.” in the Journal. Attached is the PDF from Medical Home News.

PAND Activities
- Participated on conference calls and annual meeting.
- Represented PAND at the Diabetes Action Network Meeting to promote role of RDN in diabetes prevention and education. Interested in legislative activities and collaboration – more to follow.

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