The Southern Nursing Research Society invites you to join us February 22-25, 2012, at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside, in New Orleans, LA for our 26th Annual Conference, *"Nurse Scientists as Crucial Partners to Health Delivery."*

**Registration** is open, the early-bird registration **deadline is February 3, 2012.** We strongly urge you to register by this date to take advantage of the early-bird discounts.

Preliminary conference information is available on the SNRS Annual Conference [Web page](#). SNRS Program Planning Committee has planned a full program with scholarly papers, symposia, poster discussion sessions, posters, plenary sessions, and networking sessions.

Highlights include:
- Pre and Post Conference Workshops
- 6th Annual Silent Auction
- SNRS Awards Luncheon included in registration

The 26th Annual Conference is hosted by the LSUHSC, School of Nursing.
Pre-conference and Post-conference Workshops

Students are you making plans to attend the upcoming Southern Nursing Research Society (SNRS) annual conference in New Orleans in February 2012? The annual conference is a great place for doctoral students, lots of opportunities for networking, learning about new research, methods, etc. Please consider attending, it is only $225 for student members ($280 for student nonmembers). The conference is scheduled for Feb 22 - 25, 2012.

And, another great opportunity this year is the pre and post conferences. This year the meeting will start on Wednesday (the day after Mardi Gras) with three pre conferences, followed by the general conference, then on Saturday a student pre conference and another post conference. As student members you could attend any of the pre or post conferences for only $50 each. What a bargain!!!!

Here is a peak view at the upcoming pre and post conferences.

Three pre-conferences and two post-conferences are planned for SNRS 2012 in New Orleans. Make plans to join us mid afternoon on Wednesday February 22, 2012 for our pre-conferences, or stay after the conference ends on Saturday, February 25, 2012 for our post-conferences. Pre-conferences are scheduled to begin at 2 PM on Wednesday, allowing participants to arrive late morning, thus avoiding any Mardi Gras activities. Post-conferences will start at 1 PM, allowing participants time to pick up a lunch before the sessions start.

Pre-conference offerings - Wednesday Feb 22, 2012

- **Workshop 1: From Bench to Curbside: Developing Academic-Community Partnerships**
  Sponsored by the Minority Health Research Interest Group (RIG), this workshop will introduce methods and strategies to develop academic-community partnerships in preparation for successful research with minority groups. The preconference will incorporate concepts developed by the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC), College of Nursing, Center for Community Health Partnerships. Topics that will be discussed include how to assess compatibility and suitability of the partners for conducting a research project together, availability of the partner’s time and resources, capacity and competencies of each member of the partnership, and management of day to day operations.

- **Workshop 2: Health Services Research in Nursing**
  Have you heard these terms, but not sure what they mean: health services research, secondary data analysis, Donabedian's structure-process-outcome model, the Quality Health Outcomes Model, risk adjustment, Poisson regression, nested data analysis, propensity scores? Do you want to know more about where to find data sources for your research and how to work with a secondary data source? Do you need to
understand the analytical issues you may face when using large secondary data sets and what to do about those issues? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then the SNRS Pre-Conference, Health Services Research in Nursing may be for YOU! Come and join the Health Systems / Health Policy Research Interest Group members as we introduce health services research (HSR) in nursing and its history, discuss common theoretical models used in HSR, locate existing data sources, transform a secondary data source into a useable analytic data set, and review common analytic issues and suggested solutions.

- **Workshop 3: Writing for Publication**
  Are you mystified by publication process? Have you suffered from writer's block? Have you engaged in gamesmanship to try to achieve publication? Have you experienced conflict with colleagues about co-authorship? Have you dealt with rejection of your manuscripts? These issues-and more-will be covered in the publishing workshop on Wednesday, February 22. Have you registered?

  **Post Conference Workshops on Saturday Feb 25, 2012 (will end at 4 PM)**

- **Workshop 4: Doctoral Student Workshop**
  Sponsored and planned by the Student Network, this workshop will cover a variety of topics related to doctoral studies. Lunch will be included with the registration fee for this Workshop courtesy of Salimetrics. Always a great workshop, and great opportunity to network with your peers. We hope you will join your student colleagues for this great post-conference planned by the very active Student Network at SNRS.

- **Workshop 5: Promoting Nursing Research in Clinical Settings: Building, Nurturing, and Sustaining Partnerships**
  We have a great opportunity for you to connect with researchers in diverse clinical settings at a post-conference after the SNRS’s Annual Conference entitled "Promoting nursing research in clinical settings: Building, nurturing, and sustaining partnerships." This session, sponsored by the Research in Clinical Setting Research Interest Group (RIG), will feature a panel discussion with Chief Nursing Officers and Directors of Nursing Research, explore methodological and ethical issues in research with vulnerable populations in clinical settings, and share the journey of the development of a program of research in a major cancer center.

Please consider this post-conference when you register for the Annual Conference. We look forward to seeing you. If you have additional questions, please contact Cathy Campbell, PhD, ANP-BC, Chair Research in Clinical Setting RIG clc5t@virginia.edu.

**SNRS Silent Auction**

The primary mission of SNRS is to support nursing research. To that end, we are continuing, as part of our Annual Conference, a Silent Auction to generate funds for additional research grants.

Please consider donating a gift to this year's auction. Gift baskets are always popular items. Think how tempting a lovely basket filled with soothing bath soaps & lotions, beautiful yarn or tempting gourmet chocolates would be!

Show your university/school spirit by contributing a gift basket with items representing your university/school or city. Another popular option is a gift certificate.

Anyone interested in contributing items, valued at $50 or more, to this cause is encouraged to visit the SNRS Web site at www.snrsonline.org, call us at 877-314-SNRS (7677), or contact Delfie Castro by email at dcastro@resourcenter.com.

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