Reminder Early Bird Registration Deadline is February 3rd

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](#). The SNRS Program Planning Committee has planned a full program with scholarly papers, symposia, poster discussion sessions, posters, plenary sessions, and networking sessions.

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 the doctoral student post-conference. Students may register for any of the pre-conferences or the doctoral post-conference for only $50. What a bargain for these sessions organized by experts in the field.
Pre-conferences are scheduled to begin at 2 PM on Wednesday, allowing participants to arrive late morning, thus avoiding any Mardi Gras activities.

Pre-conference offerings

**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**
Sponsored by the Health Services Research Interest Group (RIG), this workshop will examine the origins of health services research in general and health services research in nursing. Popular theoretical frameworks used in health services research will be discussed, along with examining secondary data sources. Workshop presenters will also discuss how to turn existing data sources into an analytical dataset, as well as discussing analytical issues.

**Workshop 3: Writing for Publication**
Back by popular demand, this workshop will be presented by experienced journal editors. The publication process, roles and responsibilities of the author, reviewer, editor and publisher, strategies for planning, writing, and submitting manuscripts will be discussed. Pitfalls in publishing will be examined. Come learn about successful publishing tips.

**Workshop 4: Doctoral Student Workshop**
Sponsored and planned by the Student Network, this workshop will cover a variety of topics related to doctoral studies.

The 26th Annual Conference is hosted by the LSUHSC, School of Nursing.

**NINR - Meet the Funders in Person**

*National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR): Meet the Funders in Person*

Are you planning or considering a grant application submission to NINR in the future? NINR staff consultants will be available during the SNRS 2012 conference in New Orleans for meetings with investigators. Conference participants will be able to sign up for meetings times with the NINR consultants after February 3, 2012 (information on how to sign up will be sent in a future E-Blast). If you are interested in meeting with one of the NINR consultants, please develop a one page brief synopsis of your proposed research plan (specific aims, projected sample, measures, etc). This one page synopsis will be forwarded to NINR, so that they may prepare for your consultation session at the SNRS 2012 conference. Students, beginning and seasoned investigators are invited to participate.

Anne Turner-Henson
VP, SNRS

**SNRS 6th Annual 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! This year we have decided to use soft sacks to allow participants to carry their silent auction items on the plane or pack them easier.
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. Consider submitting a soft sack filled with items to represent your school and help us raise money for research grants. Soft sack items valued at more than $50 are requested.

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

Hotel Reservation Deadline: February 2, 2012

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The meeting will be held at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside, New Orleans, Louisiana. A special rate has been arranged. Call 1-504-561-0500 to make reservations. Please mention SNRS to receive the special rate of $219 single/double (plus taxes). The reservation cut-off date is February 2, 2012; thereafter the hotel will accept reservations on a space-available basis only at the current market rate.

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