

Southern Connections



CALL TO MEETING

The SNRS Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida, to be held February 13 to 15, 2003 is shaping up into an exciting and stimulating event. The keynote address will be provided by *Dr. Cornelia Beck*, Professor in the Department of Geriatrics and Adjunct Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS). Following Dr. Beck's presentation, there will be a panel focused on mentoring into research along the trajectory from undergraduate students to funded faculty. NINR will be offering a pre-conference pilot workshop on Thursday morning designed to help researchers with RO1s move beyond the RO1 and into a program of research. Attendance at this workshop will be by application. Please watch for emails from SNRS and information on the web site (www.snrs.org) for more information about applying. Also on Thursday morning, doctoral students from a variety of programs within the region will be coordinating a pre-conference workshop for doctoral students and their faculty on writing an NRSA. The three-day conference in Orlando will include scientific papers, posters and symposia. There will be an opportunity for the Research Interest Groups to convene and a chance to browse through the exhibitions.

The Student Poster Session is always one of the conference highlights! Abstracts for the Student Poster Session are due October 1, 2002. Students include undergraduate to doctoral students. We urge faculty to

remind and help students get their abstracts written. We encourage students to have abstracts reviewed by a faculty mentor or peers before submission. The student must be the first author but faculty can be co-investigators on the poster. Please note that there are new abstract submission guidelines posted on the SNRS home page. There are awards for the most outstanding posters announced at the conference.

The program committee for this year was approved by the SNRS Board and includes: *Janice Peterson*, University of Central Florida, Local Planning Chair; *Elizabeth Reifsnider*, University of Texas-San Antonio, past Local Planning Chair; *Linda H. Freeman*, University of Louisville, Local Planning Chair for 2004; *Carolyn Yucha*, University of Florida, member at large; *Joe Burrage*, University of Alabama Birmingham, member at large; *Mona Newsome*, Wicks University of Tennessee at Memphis, member at large; *Martina Gallagher*, University of Texas-San Antonio, doctoral student, and *Buddy Herrington*, Director of Continuing Nursing Education, University of Texas at Arlington. *Margaret S. Miles*, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, SNRS Vice President, is Chair.

The Planning Committee and Board join me in inviting you to network with colleagues, enjoy the scientific sessions, and experience Orlando on February 13-15, 2003. We look forward to seeing you at the 2003 SNRS Annual Meeting.

Margaret Miles, PhD, RN, FAAN
Vice President

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MESSAGE FROM THE SNRS PRESIDENT

I will be representing SNRS at the State of the Science conference in Washington, D.C. September 25-28, 2002. Each regional president will be providing a report of research activities and conferences during the meeting. I will also be exhibiting for SNRS at the conference. The Board authorized the purchase of a permanent exhibit board for SNRS so that we may promote our organization at major conferences in a professional manner. I would like to thank Dr. Debra Wallace for her work in designing and securing the permanent display.

We have had an increase in nominations for SNRS Awards. Thank you so much for recognizing your peers. The award packets are in the process of being reviewed. Awardees will be recognized at the annual conference in Orlando, Florida, February 13-15, 2003. PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A CHANGE IN DATES FROM THE ORIGINALLY PUBLISHED DATES. There is more information in the newsletter about the conference. The Planning Committee is hard at work to ensure another excellent conference. Brochures will be mailed later this fall. Remember to secure your airline tickets and room reservations as soon as possible since this is the same weekend as the Daytona 500.



Jean McSweeney, President

As most of you are aware, SNRS has entered into an agreement with *Research in Nursing and Health*. SNRS will have four pages in each issue. All SNRS members will be eligible to receive a discount for subscriptions. If you did not receive your discount information, you may contact John Wiley and Son at 1-800-825-7500. You will need your SNRS membership number to receive the subscription discount.

Ballots will be mailed soon. There are several important Board positions to be filled such as President-Elect, Vice President, and Board members. Each of these positions is vital to the governing decisions and daily work running our organization, so please vote to exercise your right as a SNRS member. As announced in the spring newsletter, a potential benefit change will also be on the ballot. As President, I feel it is extremely important to have members decide if they wish to continue to have the Southern Online Journal of Nursing Research as a protected site that can only be accessed by SNRS membership numbers. For the present, the password protection remains in place. This issue is being placed on the ballot as a direct response to member's concerns. Regardless of the outcome of the vote, SNRS will continue to publish the Southern Online Journal of Nursing Research. This vote is only to determine if the members want to continue the password protection as a benefit of membership. This vote does not influence the new member benefit of discount subscription rate for *Research in Nursing and Health*. Please vote in the upcoming election!

I look forward to seeing each of you in beautiful Orlando on February 13-15, 2003.

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INTRODUCING 2003 KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Meet the **2003 SNRS Conference**
Keynote Speaker, *Dr. Cornelia Beck*

Cornelia Beck, PhD, RN, FAAN, is a Professor in the Department of Geriatrics and Adjunct Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS). A past winner of SNRS's Distinguished Researcher Award, Dr. Beck is the Director of Research for the Hartford Center of Geriatric Nursing Excellence at UAMS College of Nursing. She also directs the UAMS Alzheimer's Disease Center (ADC), established in 2001 with funding from the National Institute on Aging, National Institutes of Health (NIH). The 29 ADCs are spread across the country but few are in the south. Dr. Beck has the distinction of being the first Director of an ADC without a medical degree. She holds a doctoral degree in nursing from Texas Women's University in Denton. Since 1984, the NIH and various foundations have provided funding for her research on strategies to improve best practices in long-term care settings and non-drug interventions to alleviate problem behavior and promote functional performance in persons with dementia. To support her research, Dr. Beck has obtained over \$9 million in funding from NIH alone.

Currently, she is serving as an investigator along with two professors from the University of Michigan on the first interactive project of the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR). The project investigates risk factors of aggression, wandering, and

problematic vocalizations in nursing home residents with dementia. Dr. Beck has served on the Mental Disorders of the Elderly Study Section at NIH and on the National Advisory Council for the NINR. She currently serves on the Medical and Scientific Advisory Council of the Alzheimer's Association.

A prolific writer, Dr. Beck has over 100 publications. She also has lectured extensively throughout the world. Dr. Beck has traveled to the United Kingdom, Taiwan, Greece, Soviet Union, Portugal, and Peoples' Republic of China as an invited guest speaker. She has spoken at conferences sponsored by the International Society of Quality of Life Research, American Geriatrics Society, American Federation for Aging Research, Gerontological Society of America, Sigma Theta Tau International, American Nurses' Association, and American Medical Directors Association.

Dr. Beck was honored by the American Nurses Foundation as a Distinguished Contributor to Nursing Science in 1998 and the same year, received the Doris Schwartz Gerontological Nursing Research Award from the Gerontological Society of America. More recently, she was awarded the 2001 Gerontological Nurse of the Year by the Arkansas Nurses Association. She has also been inducted as a fellow in the American Academy of Nursing. Her keynote address at the SNRS Annual Meeting will be an opportunity not to be missed!

WELCOME TO ORLANDO

Welcome to Orlando, Florida, home to the **2003 SNRS Annual Meeting Orlando!** Known as the home of great theme and amusement parks (there are 19 of them, as well as museums, gardens and a lot more!!). Come and see for yourself! Orlando, located near the geographic center of Florida, has year round mild weather with an average temperature in the mid-70's. The conference hotel, The Rosen Centre, is located on International Drive and is a walk or short ride to wonderful restaurants and Point Orlando—with a huge F.A.O. Schwartz for mothers, fathers, grandparents, inner children and pediatric types. There are several low cost transportation options around the area. The hotel has a heated pool, 2 hot tubs, tennis courts, and a health club and spa where massages (for a fee) are available.

The hotel will offer conference rates for three days before and three days after the meeting, if an extended stay is a possibility for you. The meeting will end at 1 pm Saturday, providing an opportunity to visit one (or more) of the fabled theme parks! In addition to all that, the annual SNRS meeting is going to offer an outstanding program.

Please consider making travel arrangements early, as NASCAR's Daytona 500 is the same week as our annual meeting. Rates may go up and availability down as the conference date approaches. Also note that while the program officially begins at 1 pm on Thursday, there are many options for workshops on Thursday morning and may make a Wednesday evening arrival desirable.

We look forward to seeing you there!
The Program Planning Committee



SOUTHERN NURSING RESEARCH SOCIETY

MEMBERSHIP SURVEY - 2002

As we attempt to meet the needs of the membership in this new millennium, we would like to ask you to answer the following questions about existing member benefits and potential new services. Please take a few minutes to complete this survey. Thank you.

1. Please rate the member benefits listed below on a scale of 1 to 5 as to their importance to you, with 5 being Extremely Important.

Benefit	Not At All Important 1	Not Very Important 2	Somewhat Important 3	Very Important 4	Extremely Important 5
Annual Directory of SNRS Members	1	2	3	4	5
Annual Conference	1	2	3	4	5
Newsletter - Southern Connections	1	2	3	4	5
Journal - SOJNR	1	2	3	4	5
Web Page	1	2	3	4	5
RINAH Reduced Subscription	1	2	3	4	5
Internet Discussion Groups	1	2	3	4	5
Research Interest Groups	1	2	3	4	5
Commitment to Clinical Research	1	2	3	4	5
Network of Research Colleagues	1	2	3	4	5
Membership Brochure	1	2	3	4	5
Awards/Member Recognition	1	2	3	4	5
Email List Serve Mailings	1	2	3	4	5
Other (Please explain)	1	2	3	4	5

2. The Southern Nursing Research Society Mission is to advance nursing research, promote dissemination and utilization of research findings, facilitate the career development of nurses as researchers, enhance communication among members, and to promote the image of nursing as a scientific discipline. The Board of Directors developed a 5-year strategic plan to support that mission. As a result several services have been developed in different formats. Please indicate your support for these below.

- A. I prefer to receive the *Southern Connections Newsletter* in:
 Electronic Format Paper Format Both

- B. The Southern Online Journal of Nursing Research is an important format in which to meet the Society goals related to the use of existing technology for dissemination of research and fosters the development of skills in research dissemination among the Society members.
 How likely would you be to use this service on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being the most likely: _____

- C. The Board is considering developing special conference sessions on specific research related topics.
 How likely would you be to use this service on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being the most likely: _____

- D. The Board is considering developing methods/grantwriting workshops during the summer.
 How likely would you be to use this service on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being the most likely: _____

Additional Comments: _____

STATE LIAISONS



There are 14 states in the Society region: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia. In 1991 the boundaries were expanded to include the Caribbean, Latin America and the Bahamas. Additionally, members who move out of the region sometimes elect to remain a member of SNRS. Thus, you will see State Liaisons from New York and Oklahoma.

State Liaisons are the first contact for members with suggestions, questions, or concerns. They assist with member recruitment and follow-up of non-renewing members.

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CORRECTION: NIH AWARDS TO SCHOOLS OF NURSING IN FISCAL YEAR 2001

In the last issue of Southern Connections, three schools were inadvertently omitted from the summary of universities within the SNRS region who are ranked in the top 50 schools with respect to NIH funding during 2001. These Schools were: The University of Alabama at Birmingham (#28), the University of Tennessee Health Sciences Center (#36) and the University of Texas Health Sciences Center at San Antonio (#48). Please accept the Editor's apologies for this omission. The list can be accessed directly at <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/award/trends/dhenrsg01.htm>

The corrected list for ranked Schools in the SNRS region is:

5. University of North Carolina Chapel Hill
9. Johns Hopkins University
16. University of Texas Austin
19. University of Arkansas
24. Emory University
25. University of Maryland Baltimore Professional School
28. University of Alabama at Birmingham
29. University of Virginia
30. University of Florida
31. University of Texas Health Science Center Houston
32. University of South Carolina
34. Vanderbilt University
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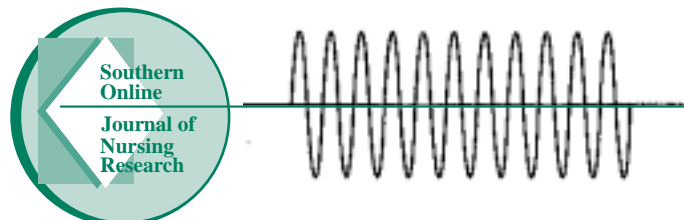
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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS SNRS Hartford Institute Geriatric Nursing Award

SNRS is pleased to announce a new award, the **SNRS Hartford Institute Geriatric Nursing Award**. The purpose of this award is to recognize the contributions of an individual whose established program of research has enhanced the science and practice of geriatric nursing in the Southern region. Award criteria, nomination procedures, selection process and mailing instructions are all located on the SNRS web site at <http://www.snrs.org>

The deadline for receipt of nomination packets is October 15, 2002

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