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Annual Meeting Announcement Visit the SSCI Website – www.ssciweb.org for Online Pre-Registration Brochure and Program

On behalf of the SSCI and affiliated societies, I invite you to join us for the Southern Regional Meetings at the New Orleans InterContinental Hotel on Thursday–Saturday, February 9–11, 2012. **As always, this year's meeting will feature outstanding sessions, some of which are outlined below.** There also will be several Subspecialty Dinner Programs immediately following the Poster Session on Thursday evening.

The SSCI Annual Session will be held on Friday morning. We will again integrate our activities closely with those of the S-AFMR. The SSCI Presidential Symposium is entitled “The Heart Failure Epidemic: New Insights and Strategies” with presentations by Ivor J. Benjamin, *University of Utah*; John C. Burnett, *Mayo Clinic*; and Buddhadeb Dawn, *University of Kansas Medical Center*.

The Joint Plenary Session on Saturday morning is titled “Cardiometabolic Syndrome: Hypertension, Obesity & Diabetes: Part I on Pathophysiology” will include informative lectures by David Harrison, *Vanderbilt University*; Daniel Villarreal, *SUNY–Upstate Medical Center*; Patrice Delafontaine, *Tulane University*; Nancy Brown, *Vanderbilt University*; and Jacob Joseph, *Harvard University*. Part II on “Epidemiology and Clinical Practice” will feature Miriam Vos, *Emory University*; Rachel Dawkins, *Louisiana State University*; and Gerald Berenson, *Tulane University*.

Original research presentations, many presented by trainees, are packed with new data, and many of these sessions will feature outstanding state-of-the-art lectures. The SSCI Nephrology Young Investigator Research Forum will be held on Wednesday, February 8.

The room block at the InterContinental is being held until January 8 for reservations at our convention rates. Since February is a very busy time for New Orleans, please be sure to make your reservations early. ***Please refer to the conference as Southern Meetings when making reservations or use this link –***

<https://resweb.passkey.com/go/SSCI2012>. Pre-registration for the meeting is open until February 8. A copy of the pre-registration brochure is attached. You can also access this information as well as the complete program on our website – www.ssciweb.org – or on the AFMR website – www.afmr.org.

I look forward to seeing you on February 9–11 in New Orleans for what is sure to be an exciting meeting and substantive educational session!

Sincerely,

Karl T. Weber, M.D., President