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Dear SSCI Members,

Each year that I have attended the Southern Regional Meeting, I have left with a pearl or epiphany that translates back to the lab or the clinic. Students and trainees have always found this to be a special meeting. The workshops provide interactive career building sessions that they find invaluable. This year is no exception. The ever popular Manuscript Preparation and Peer Reviewed Publication Workshop returns along with the Effective Mentoring in Academic Medicine Today Workshop, and the Your Techie Toolbox: Clinical, Educational, and Administrative “Apps” for the General Internist Workshop. The poster sessions and welcome reception are always good places for junior investigators to meet future collaborators, mentors, or employers in addition to making new friends! The mentoring provided in the poster and podium presentation sessions give them valuable feedback for their work in a friendly atmosphere. While it occurs early on a Saturday, I have always enjoyed and learned from the Joint Plenary. This year, the topic will be “Transition – More than Graduating to the Cliff’s Edge”: Examining the Evidence that Good Transition is Good Care”. This year’s SSCI Presidential Symposium will revolve around the role of endothelial dysfunction in inflammation. Here is the link for Call for Abstracts for the Southern Regional Meeting (<http://www.ssciweb.org/docs/srm2014callforabstracts.pdf>).

Now is the time to consider which projects to have your trainees present at the meeting. In this tight fiscal climate, trainees can receive travel awards to attend the meeting while fulfilling their training requirements for scholarly activity. **Please note the abstract deadline of October 11.**

The SSCI Newsletter (http://www.ssciweb.org/docs/sscinewsletter_2013-7-23.pdf) describes what SSCI is doing to fulfill our mission of advancing medical research through mentoring the next generation of investigators and exchanging knowledge. While the meeting is the Society’s major focus, we come to your doorstep with the *American Journal of Medical Sciences* (<http://journals.lww.com/amjmedsci/pages/default.aspx>) and the Visiting Professor Program (www.ssciweb.org)

Also, for those involved with nephrology training programs, please don’t forget about a wonderful opportunity for nephrology fellows - 13th Annual SSCI Nephrology Young Investigators’ Forum which will be held on February 19, one day prior to the start of SRM 2014. Fellows whose abstracts are accepted for this program have their travel expenses and registration for SRM 2014 paid. The top four winners in each of the Clinical Research and Basic Science categories will also compete in a national competition at the NKF Spring Clinical Meetings. The deadline for these abstracts is also October 11. Details regarding abstract submission for this program can be found at (<http://www.ssciweb.org/meetings.php>)

I want to thank all of you for your commitment to the SSCI and to the next generation of clinical investigators. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

Sincerely,

Jim C. Oates, MD
President