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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

The Southern Regional Meeting in New Orleans, is ***only one month away*** --February 18-20, 2016!

In addition to our excellent standing program (<http://www.ssciweb.org/meeting-schedule.php>), there are several new events this year including the ***Meet the Experts Breakfast*** on Friday, February 19. Several of our accomplished members will share their insights on “Choosing the Next Step in Your Career”- *Dr. Lynn Schnapp*; “Doing Research in the Modern Age”- *Dr. Michael Hart*; and “Getting the Most Out of SRM and Other Academic Meetings”- *Dr. Eric Eichenwald*. Don’t forget to sign up for the **SSCI 70th anniversary** celebration at **Mardi Gras World on Thursday evening, February 18** (space is limited so sign up early)!

The *SSCI Presidential Symposium* on Friday morning will feature presentations from Dr. Michael Lauer, Deputy Director at the NIH, on “***Biomedical Research in Austere Fiscal Times: A Translational Perspective***” and Dr. Sherita Golden on “***Linking the Pituitary to the Pancreas Using Translational Epidemiology: Assessing the Depression-Diabetes Association Across the Lifespan***”. For the *Joint Plenary session* on Saturday morning, Dr. Andrew Gewirtz from Georgia State University will address “***Gut Microbiota, Low-Grade Inflammation, and Metabolic Syndrome***” and Dr. Phillip Tarr from Washington University will provide insights “***The Preterm Infant Gut Microbiome: New Opportunities to Optimize Outcomes***”.

This year’s workshops provide opportunities for interactive learning and will include “***Manuscript Preparation and Peer-Reviewed Publication***”, “***Moving your Clinical Case Presentation into a Published Manuscript***”, and “***Career Development for Clinician Educators***”.

The pre-registration forms can be found in the SSCI website, www.ssciweb.org. The conference rates for the **hotel are available until this Friday, January 23, 2016.**

Please encourage your colleagues and trainees to attend the 2016 outstanding scientific sessions and workshops. See you *N’awlins!*

Best wishes,

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