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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

The Southern Regional Meeting (SRM) in New Orleans, is *only weeks away* --**February 11-13, 2017!** We have an exciting meeting planned and look forward to catching up with old friends and meeting the many students, trainees, and early career faculty who will be joining us for the first time.

The theme of this year's SRM is "Harnessing the Immune System" and will highlight the translation of scientific advances in human immunology to fighting cancer, guiding vaccine development, and development of more effective treatments for autoimmune disorders and lung disease. The *SSCI Presidential Symposium* on Sunday morning, February 12th, will feature presentations from Dr. Padmanee Sharma, from the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, on "***From the Clinic to the Lab: Investigating Immune Responses to Immune Checkpoint Therapy***" and Dr. Nadine Roupheal, from Emory University School of Medicine on "***Systems Vaccinology to Predict an Effective Immune Response***". For the *Joint Plenary session* on Monday morning, February 12th, Dr. Stephania Cormier from the University of Tennessee will address "***Respiratory Immunology in Response to Viruses and Environmental Toxins***" and Dr. Gregg Silverman from New York University will provide insights on "***Lupus and the Microbiome***".

In addition to our excellent standing program (<http://www.ssciweb.org/meeting-schedule.php>), we have opportunities for interactive learning through workshops on Saturday afternoon, February 11th that include "***Manuscript Preparation and Peer-Reviewed Publication***" and "***Moving your Clinical Case Presentation into a Published Manuscript***". We are continuing the *Meet the Experts Breakfast* on Sunday morning, February 12 and holding an extended workshop on "***Career Development for Clinician Educators***" on Sunday afternoon.

At SRM 2017, we will be presenting 137 student and trainee travel awards, honoring the SSCI Young Investigators, SSCI Mentors of the Year, and the Tinsley Harrison Award recipient. In addition, **Dr. David Guidot**, an outstanding leader and mentor in academic medicine and longstanding supporter of the mission of SSCI, will be presented the prestigious SSCI Founders' Medal at the *SSCI Presidential Symposium* on Sunday morning.

The pre-registration forms can be found in the SSCI website, www.ssciweb.org or at <https://www.highmarksce.com/tulane/index.cfm?do=pln.viewActivity&plannerID=1030>

We look forward to seeing you at the 2017 outstanding scientific sessions and workshops. See you in New Orleans!

Best wishes,

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