Spring is just around the corner, and that means it's time for the Annual Scientific Sessions! This year's program will be held April 3-5, 2019 at the Rhode Island Convention Center in Providence, Rhode Island. The annual event, now in its 31st year, will focus on Transforming the Future of Nursing Research: Imagination, Innovation, and Engagement. Some of the conference highlights I am most excited about include: an opening keynote from ENRS Past President, Mary Sullivan, PhD, RN, FAAN, Professor, University of Rhode Island, College of Nursing; a plenary panel session on Thursday that will explore disruptive innovation; presentation of our annual research awards; closing keynote address by Pamela R. Jeffries, PhD, RN, FAAN, ANEF, FSSH, Dean and Professor, George Washington University, School of Nursing; and an offsite reception & tour of the new Rhode Island Nursing Education Center, which combines leading technology with a rigorous experiential learning curriculum. The many event offerings can be viewed within the conference brochure that is posted on our website: www.enrs-go.org.

In our ongoing strategic initiative to provide a networking forum for nurse scientists, ENRS is making strides to educate and engage our members in a variety of ways. To that end, we are proud that our webinar series that began last summer has taken off! Our goal was to offer our membership ways to explore emergent and innovative topics, highlight exemplar researchers and illustrate a diversity of ontological perspectives. Our most recent webinar that took place in February was entitled, “Secondary Qualitative Data Analysis: Getting the Most out of Your Dataset,” presented by Cheryl Tatano Beck, DNSc, CNM, FAAN, Distinguished Professor, University of Connecticut. Dr. Beck’s discussion covered the benefits and challenges of secondary qualitative data analysis; the steps involved in conducting a secondary qualitative analysis; and the state of the science of secondary qualitative analysis in the discipline of nursing. We look forward to bringing additional education through the convenience of your computer throughout the year!

In March, ENRS joined forces with the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) to co-host the 2019 National Nursing Research Roundtable (NNRR) in Bethesda, MD. The annual meeting provides a unique opportunity to bring together individuals representing member organizations - nurse scientists, practitioners, and educators - to discuss and disseminate nursing research findings to strengthen nursing practice and improve client outcomes. This year’s NNRR theme was The Value and Importance of PhD Research Scientists to Health Outcomes and featured keynote speaker: Suzanne Miyamoto, PhD, RN, FAAN, Chief Executive Officer, American Academy of Nursing; and a dynamic panel presentation by early stage scientists that was moderated by ENRS member William E. Rosa, MS, AGPCNP-BC, FAAN, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Future of Nursing Scholar; University of Pennsylvania PhD Program. Roundtable discussions by attendees included thoughtful and robust dialogue focused on strategies that constituent organizations might implement to attract emerging talent to the field of nursing and sustain the PhD pipeline that is critical to the future of nursing science and health outcomes of the nation. A key tenet of the NNRR is that for practice to benefit from nursing research, findings must be disseminated to, and utilized by practitioners and educators. What a perfect fit with the ENRS 31st Scientific Sessions focus on imagination, innovation, and engagement! See you in Providence!

Best,

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