President’s Message

Happy Fall and Thanksgiving Season!

Planning for our spring conference in Providence, RI for April 3-5, 2019 is in full swing. The 31st Annual Scientific Sessions will take place at the Rhode Island Convention Center and Omni Providence Hotel. Call for Abstract submissions has closed. Volunteer abstract reviewers are now starting their process. This includes organizing submissions by theme, validating all submission acceptances are complete and your ENRS peers working diligently to finalize our session offerings. The Conference Planning Committee, led by President-elect and conference chair Dr. Ann Marie Mauro, has put together a terrific program featuring keynote speakers, plenary panel and concurrent workshops that will bring our conference theme “Transforming the Future of Nursing Research: Imagination, Innovation, and Engagement” to life.

This theme is perfect for the 2019 Scientific Sessions. By definition, transformation is an ongoing process that tends to appear ordinary, when in fact, something extraordinary is taking place. Transformation does not take place in a vacuum; instead it occurs when we are indirectly and directly connected to all those around us. The ENRS community is comprised of committed researchers, educators and clinicians. All of whom are focused on promoting health through nursing science. Being able to reflect upon all of this collective, collaborative work generated from our region and presented at during our annual conference each year is truly extraordinary and transformative!

As president of the ENRS, I am honored to serve as a member of the Leadership Council for the Council for Advancement of Nursing Science (CANS). The Leadership Council, chaired by Holli DeVon PhD, RN, FAAN, is made up of representatives from our four regional nursing research societies- Eastern Nursing Research Society (ENRS), Southern Nursing Research Society (SNRS), Midwest Nursing Research Society (MNRS), and Western Institute of Nursing (WIN), as well as Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI), the American Nurses Foundation (ANF), the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) (ex-officio) and a liaison from the American Academy of Nursing (AAN). The Council and the members of CANS represent the many strong voices of nurse scientists committed to better health through nursing science. If you are not a member of CANS, I urge you to join us and add your strong voice!(INSERT LINK)

The 2018 State of the Science Conference on Precision Health hosted by CANS took place in Washington DC last month and featured nurse researchers from around the world. Precision health has been at the forefront of national and international research agendas because of its impact on health promotion and illness prevention. ENRS members had a strong presence at the 2018 conference as members of the planning committee, invited speakers and presenters. Together we joined recognized scientific experts, funding agencies and policy makers to focus on precision health and incorporating its proven approaches into nursing research. This outstanding meeting stimulated an important dialogue that is sure to yield innovative and transformative collaborations regionally, nationally and internationally.

On behalf of the ENRS Board – Ann Marie Mauro, Donna Nickitas, Marilyn Hammer, Maureen George and Ann-Margaret Navarro - I wish each of you a healthy, happy and peaceful holiday season!

Best~

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