



EASTERN NURSING RESEARCH SOCIETY

President's Message

ENRS focuses on building synergy among scientists around significant areas of health and patient care. We strive to promote and support nursing research, provide a forum for dissemination of research findings, and recognize excellence in nursing research. Our Annual Conference provides the venue for accomplishing these goals.

This year's conference in Boston from March 19-21, 2009 will offer stimulating papers and posters, networking opportunities, and research development tracks for junior and senior investigators. The program includes sessions featuring presentations by several of our Research Interest Groups. There will be forums for BSN and MSN posters, as well as early doctoral student posters. In other words, there will be something for everyone who attends. Keynote speakers will include two prominent nurses: Dr. Angela Barron McBride and Dr. Nancy Bergstrom. Dr. McBride will open the 21st Scientific Sessions on Thursday afternoon and discuss, "*Orchestrating a Career*". Dr. Bergstrom will present on Thursday evening and address disseminating & translating research findings into clinical settings, using her work as an exemplar. Attendees will not want to miss these two outstanding presentations. Their talks will set the overall tone for our conference focused on *Enhancing Health through Nursing Interventions*.

Recognizing excellence in nursing research will continue to be one of the highlights of our 21st Annual Conference. Nominations for awards are being solicited. This year we will recognize colleagues for their outstanding contributions to nursing research by giving the following awards: the Distinguished Contributions to Nursing Research Award, the Suzanne Feetham Nurse Scientist Family Research Award, and the John A. Hartford Geriatric Nursing Research Award. We will again be joining with the Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science to present a Dissertation Award to a doctoral candidate whose dissertation proposal has been approved by their committee and who is beginning or in the midst of data collection. The ENRS website, www.enrs-go.org, has information about the criteria for each of these awards.

ENRS thanks our generous sponsors for their support of our upcoming 21st Annual Scientific Sessions. Our sponsors recognize that providing a forum for disseminating research is critically important to advancing nursing science and health care. There are still opportunities for additional sponsorships and exhibit space for the March 2009 meeting. Information about becoming a sponsor or exhibitor is available by calling the main office at 215-599-6700 or visiting the ENRS website, www.enrs-go.org.

I look forward to seeing you at our Annual Conference in Boston in March 2009. Mark your calendar and plan to attend what promises to be an exciting and stimulating research conference. Information about the program is available on the ENRS website, www.enrs-go.org.

Happy New Year!!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judith A. Erlen".

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