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## President's Message

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As we move into the summer months, I'm reminded of the seasonal and cyclical nature of the work of ENRS. Our organization and its members continue to evolve and build on our ongoing success to refine our program and create exciting new initiatives.

The Twenty-third Annual Scientific Sessions, "*Informing Health Policy through Nursing Science*," was a resounding success. Our attendance exceeded 500 and included students, trainees and scientists who reflected the continuum from novice-expert. Highlights included energizing and timely keynote presentations by Dr. Ada Sue Hinshaw on "*the Quest to Shape Healthy Policy through Nursing Science*" and by Dr.

Mary Naylor on "*The Transitional Care Model: Translating Research into Practice and Policy*." In addition to many excellent podium, poster, and symposium presentations, our participants benefitted from the NINR grant writing workshop and many opportunities for networking and honing their skills in grant review, working with the media, writing a manuscripts, and activism.

Our new mentoring initiative was also a great success, with forty outstanding mentors recognized for their excellence. We will use the proceeds to support future initiatives to promote opportunities for students, trainees, and junior faculty to develop their research skills. Please consider honoring your mentor at next year's event and contribute to this important development activity!

We are grateful for the excellent and time-consuming work of our conference planning committee, including President-elect Susan Loeb, Alison Colbert, Karen D'Alonzo, Margaret Kearney, Kathleen Schell, Arlene Smaldone, and Mary Sullivan. We are pleased to have very positive feedback about the high quality, depth and breadth of the invited presenters and the peer-reviewed presentations. Planning and executing the scientific sessions is a huge undertaking and would be very difficult without the excellent support of our management company, Fernley & Fernley, represented by Jessica Widing, Trish Keppler, and Jonathan Uitto.

Although it would be wonderful to rest on our laurels and just look back and congratulate ourselves on our success, we are already planning for the *NEXT (24<sup>th</sup>) Annual Scientific Sessions*. Please join us in New Haven, CT on March 28-30, 2012 as we continue to *Promote Health through Nursing Science*. The call for abstracts will be ready by the end of June, with a deadline in early September. We will once again invite abstracts for podium, poster, and symposium presentations and offer plentiful opportunities for networking and research skill development. If you are new to ENRS or have not joined us at our meeting in a while, please consider attending. You will not be disappointed.

Best wishes for an enjoyable summer.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Nancy S. Redeker'.

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