

February, 2011

Dear Colleague:

I hope this note finds you surviving what for many has been a tough winter, and looking forward to our annual meeting. We have attached a preliminary schedule. The presentations span a wide range of topics, from biological mechanisms to epidemiology, from pregnancy and childhood to aging, and from innovative basic science to exciting interventions. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our members and guests who agreed to present, and I would like to encourage the rest of you join us for what promises to be an outstanding program.

The 2011 meeting will return to Park City, this time at the St. Regis in Deer Valley, June 15 – 18<sup>th</sup>. Please take a moment to visit their website, for a tour of the hotel and the setting - [www.stregis.com/deervalley](http://www.stregis.com/deervalley) The formal program begins with a reception, dinner, and talk on the afternoon/evening of Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> concluding with a full day of programming including the traditional closing dinner event on Saturday, the 18<sup>th</sup>. The St Regis is a beautiful hotel on the ski slopes of Deer Valley, about 40 minutes from the Salt Lake City International Airport, a major hub. Deer Valley is adjacent to the town (and ski resort) of Park City, a major resort destination – [www.utah.com/parkcity](http://www.utah.com/parkcity). As you can see in the program, there will be lots of free time in the afternoons, and we will help arrange a variety of activities, including pre-, post-, and intra-meeting possibilities for hiking, biking, fishing, horseback riding, and golf in and around Park City. For those of you considering bringing the family, there are also great activities for kids in Park City and the nearby Salt Lake City area. For those of you considering extending your ABMR trip to include a longer vacation, there are several national parks and other attractions within a few hours drive. As a long-time resident of the area, I'd be delighted to serve as an informal travel consultant; just drop me a line at [tim.smith@psych.utah.edu](mailto:tim.smith@psych.utah.edu).

Rooms will be available for reservation at the ABMR-discounted rates of \$199 (deluxe bedroom) and \$349 (suite) through May 25th, but our block is limited. So, I encourage you to make your reservation soon, and please complete the attached pre-meeting registration form. Finally, we will again host a pre-conference research mentorship program, coordinated by Karina Davidson and Jerry Suls, so please encourage strong candidates to submit an application, as described on the ABMR website.

If you haven't attended ABMR in a few years, this would be a great chance to get reacquainted with the meeting. For first-timers, I am confident this will become one of your favorite annual meetings – a professionally stimulating and thoroughly enjoyable event. For the more regular attendees, we are looking forward to seeing you again – in the Wasatch Mountains. For all, please let me know if I can answer questions about your trip.

Sincerely,

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