



Dear Colleagues:

The 2009 Wound Healing Society meeting to be held in Dallas, TX is rapidly approaching. The Meeting is scheduled for April 26-29, 2009. This will be our third year of collaboration with the Symposium on Advanced Wound Care and on behalf of the Program Committee; we invite you to participate in this year's meeting.

This collaborative meeting continues to evolve in response to requests from our members and we hope the improvements made will result in a stimulating and productive meeting. The meeting syllabus will be posted on the WHS website in the 2009 meetings section under the Preliminary Program tab. Please check back for the initial posting and continuous updates.

Key highlights of this year's program include:

1. The Young Investigator Session and Awards will feature a competitive field of presentations by emerging scientists in our field. The session will be presided over by President Allen Holloway, who will open the session and by Immediate Past President Adrian Barbul. The top winner of this award will attend and represent the WHS at the next ETRS meeting. The central position of this session in our program is designed for high visibility to recognize and promote the advancement of young talented scientists focusing on wound healing and related areas.
2. The WHS General Session Speaker will be Howard Y. Chang, MD, PhD, an excellent speaker and frontier research/clinical scientist in the field of skin and cancer biology. He will deliver the newest findings in his laboratory concerning fundamental mechanisms in wound healing.
3. Six plenary sessions have been selected to explore emerging concepts in basic, translational and clinical science of organ regeneration and repair.
4. A pre-conference Granting and Grantsmanship session chaired by Dr. Richard Ikeda from National Institute of General Medical Sciences, NIH. This session will address current funding strategies and mechanisms. Senior members of the WHS will also be available to offer structured advice in getting grant applications funded.
5. Meet the Mentor session: Back by popular demand from last year's meeting designed to cultivate, encourage and build relationships with young scientists in the field.
6. Eight Oral Abstract Sessions comprising a total of 64 competitively judged abstracts placed in peak times during the day to give presenters maximum audience. This year we have added significant space for posters to allow oral abstracts to be presented as posters as well - for additional exposure.

We hope you will find the meeting in Dallas exciting and will register to attend. To do so please go to the Registration Tab in the 2009 Meetings section of our website. When Registration Opens, please take advantage of the meeting discount if you are a member of the society. If you are not yet a member, please consider signing up, sharing in this discount and joining us for an excellent meeting.

We look forward to seeing you April 26-29, 2009 in Dallas.

Best regards,

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