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To: SSCI Members
Program Directors and Faculty, Nephrology Training Programs of the Southeast

From: Paul W. Sanders, MD, Program Chairman, SSCI Nephrology Young Investigators' Forum

The 15th Annual SSCI Nephrology Young Investigators' Forum will be held in New Orleans, Wednesday, February 17, 2016. The Nephrology Young Investigators' Forum will be held as a prologue to the Southern Regional Meetings on February 18-20, 2016. Travel awards will allow the trainees to attend this research forum and stay in New Orleans for participation in the Southern Society Clinical Investigation/American Federation for Medical Research Meeting. The grant will cover round trip airfare as well as hotel accommodations and event meals.

The purpose of the Nephrology Young Investigators' Forum is to create a meeting where research trainees in the SSCI/AFMR region can present their original research observations or data in an informal format. An additional goal is that this forum will afford these young investigators an opportunity to meet peers in the renal research arena that hopefully will emphasize the value of research and promote a favorable image for careers in academic Nephrology/Medicine. Once again, the goal is to have at least one trainee nominated by each training program in the Southeast to attend the Research Forum. Trainees will be defined as MD or MD/PhD trainees in a clinical fellowship training program in nephrology. Through this mechanism, hopefully, one or two trainees from each of the 18 to 20 training programs in the region will participate. Each nominated trainee will submit an abstract by the October 9th deadline. The abstracts submitted should represent original research performed by the trainee in any area of basic or clinical Nephrology/Medicine. Review material or case reports are not acceptable. Presentations will compete in either Clinical Research or Basic Research categories. Although mentors and/or program directors are welcome, resources are not available for reimbursement for travel or related expenses.

Each trainee will make a fifteen-minute research presentation. Five minutes will be allowed for questions and discussion following each presentation. The presentations will be judged by the panel of faculty judges to select award winners in each category. An awards dinner will be held following the forum. The winners from this region will be invited to present in a national competition held in conjunction with the National Kidney Foundation's Clinical Meetings in the spring.

The abstract deadline is October 9, 2015. Abstract submission instructions for the SSCI Nephrology Young Investigators' Forum are included in this brochure. ***It is hoped that trainees will also submit their abstracts for the Southern Regional Meetings, February 18-20, 2016. The abstract deadline for the Southern Regional Meetings is October 9, 2015.*** Information regarding the abstract submission instructions for the SSCI/AFMR meeting can be found on either www.ssciweb.org or www.afmr.org.

We invite the participation of your training program and your fellow trainees. We look forward to seeing you in New Orleans in February 2016. You may contact Joan Kemp at 205-934-1866 (joankemp@uab.edu) or Dr. Sanders at 205-934-3589 (psanders@uab.edu) should you have any questions.

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Call for Abstracts

Abstract Deadline: October 9, 2015

InterContinental New Orleans

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Program Description

The Program Chair is Dr. Paul W. Sanders, Professor of Medicine, Thomas E. Andreoli Endowed Chair in Nephrology, and Director of the Nephrology Research & Training Center at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, is the chairman of this year's symposium. At the conclusion of the day's events, the winners, as judged by a panel of expert faculty members from member universities, will be announced at an Awards Dinner that evening. The three or four top rated abstracts from each category, Clinical Research and Basic Science, will be recognized by receipt of special awards presented during the dinner. The winners from this regional symposium will be invited to present in a national competition held in conjunction with the National Kidney Foundation's Clinical Meetings held in the spring.

Abstract Submission

Please submit all abstracts, as well as current *curriculum vitae*, electronically as Microsoft Word attachments to an email to joankemp@uab.edu. The deadline for receipt is **no later than October 9, 2015**. Please provide name, address, phone number, fax number and email address at time of submission. All abstracts will be judged by an expert panel of judges from member universities of the SSCI. All fellows are encouraged to also submit their abstracts to the Southern Regional Meetings, whose deadline is October 9, 2015. Information and instructions on submission requirements can be found at www.ssciweb.org, www.afmr.org, or www.medpubinc.com.

1. **Type abstract** in Microsoft Word. The font size should be no smaller than 12 point. Please use Times New Roman font. Simple graphs and tables may be included if they fit within the margins. Please use 1 -inch margins on top, bottom, left and right in portrait mode.
2. **Title and Authors.** The title should be brief, clearly indicating the nature of the study. State all authors' initials and last names followed by their institutional affiliations, city, and state. **Underline presenting author only.** Do not include any street address or zip codes on the abstract.
3. **Body.** Organize the body of the abstract to include a purpose of study, methods used, summary of results, and conclusions reached. *Please skip a line* between the title and body of the abstract. Indent the first line of text at least three spaces.
4. **Abbreviations.** Abbreviations should conform to the Style Manual for Biological Journals. Place nonstandard abbreviations in parentheses after the full word the first time it appears. Do not use abbreviations in the abstract title.
5. For additional information on abstract preparation, please see the abstract preparation section of the brochure for the Southern Regional Meetings.
6. Please specifically designate in a cover letter that the abstract you are submitting is for the Nephrology Young Investigators' Forum and indicate if it is being submitted in the Clinical Research or Basic Science categories
7. If you have any questions, you can contact Joan Kemp at 205-934-1866 or joankemp@uab.edu

General Information

Costs for round trip air fare to New Orleans, hotel accommodations and event meals will be reimbursed by the grant to the SSCI. Expense reimbursement forms will be provided by the SSCI.



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Southern Regional Meetings Hotel Reservation Request

Please mark below the type of accommodations requested. Reservations must be guaranteed with a deposit by check or one of the credit cards listed below. If you are unable to keep your guaranteed reservation, please cancel 72 hours prior to your arrival date to avoid being billed for one night's accommodations. If the accommodation rate requested is unavailable, a room at the nearest available rate will be reserved. All rooms are subject to applicable taxes. Your reservations must be received by **January 23, 2016** to qualify for the 2016 Southern Regional Meetings conference rates. Reservations received after this date is subject to applicable rates and availability.

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Guarantee accommodations by paying for first night. Deposit by check/money order must be enclosed. Make check payable to the InterContinental New Orleans. Guarantee accommodations by credit card (check one of the boxes below).

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Room Rates

Single/Double Occupancy \$225.00

Triple/Quad Occupancy \$255.00/\$285.00

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