GENERAL INFORMATION 2014

SER Goes Green

To reduce the waste stream associated with meeting participation, the Executive Committee has implemented the following initiatives for this year's meeting. First, meeting bags are available at the registration desk upon request. The bags are not labeled with the year or location so can be used by participants in later years and remaining bags will be saved by SER and distributed at subsequent meetings. Second, the bags contain no meeting information or other items. Registrants will receive a tri-fold pamphlet that outlines the meeting schedule. Detailed program information is available online at (http://www.epiresearch.org/meeting/program.php). Printed programs are available for viewing at the registration desk. Poster board directories are located inside the poster sessions at the front and back of Ballroom 3. These directories list all of the posters presented at each session. We welcome feedback about these initiatives and other ideas about holding an environmentally gentle annual meeting.

TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

From the Airport
Seattle/Tacoma International Airport (SEA)

- Travel Distance: Approximately 24.14 km/15.0 miles
- Taxi service is readily available at Sea-Tac Airport on the third floor of the parking garage
- Approximately $45 USD each way

Downtown Airporter by Shuttle Express

- Downtown Airporter departs from Level 3 of the parking garage, island 2. Follow the signs to ground transportation, taxis, limos, hotel shuttles on the third floor of the parking garage.
- Adults: One way ticket is $18 USD and roundtrip is $31 USD; children 17 and under ride free.
- Hours: Departures from SeaTac Airport and downtown Seattle 24-hours day, every day. Leaves SeaTac Airport approximately every 30 minutes
- Please note that reservations are required for trips from downtown to the airport. For additional information, visit www.downtownairporter.com or call 855-566-3300

Light Rail

- Guests can ride Sound Transit's Link Light Rail from downtown to the airport
- Cost: $2.50 each way
- Time: 35 minutes each way

For more detailed information about transportation options:
http://www.westinseattle.com/transportation

Assistance for Participants

The staff of the Society for Epidemiologic Research is available to provide assistance or information at any time during the meeting. Questions should be directed to staff members who can be found at the registration desk located in the Grand Ballroom Foyer.

Assistance for Hotel Guests with Special Needs/ADA

The Westin Seattle meets or exceeds all requirements for the Americans with Disabilities Act. Hotel facilities including, but not limited to, meeting space, restrooms, dining areas, common areas and sufficient guest rooms are reasonably accessible and usable by persons with special needs.

Badges

Please wear your SER identification badge to all meetings and functions. This is the most convenient way to identify one another and aids in the ease for conference organizers to assist you.

Registration

The registration desk is located on the Grand Ballroom Level and will be open the following times:

Tuesday, June 24	4:00 pm—8:00 pm
Wednesday, June 25	7:00 am—5:30 pm
Thursday, June 26	7:00 am—5:30 pm
Friday, June 27	7:30 am—1:00 pm

SER Membership Information

Questions regarding SER membership should be directed to Jacqueline Brakey at the registration desk. For more information about membership, you may go to www.epiresearch.org or call 801-525-0231.

Message Board

A message board will be located in the Grand Ballroom Foyer. You may use the message board to communicate with other meeting attendees.

Job Market

SER members are encouraged to use the online job board at the SER website under related links. Employers may post job openings on the bulletin board located near the registration desk. Be sure to include your email address or local contact information if you want to set up meetings with job seekers during the conference. Employers may also post openings on the SER website in Related Links.

Information for Oral Presenters

Each meeting room will be equipped with a screen, an LCD projector and a microphone. A room monitor will be available in the meeting room. Please arrive at least 10 minutes early to load your presentation.

Parking

Valet parking is provided at the main entrance of the hotel, located on Westlake Avenue on the Sixth Avenue side of the hotel. Self-parking may be accessed from 6th Avenue between Stewart/Westlake and Virginia St. The Westin Seattle offers both hourly and daily parking rates. In/out privileges for valet and self-parking are included with daily rates.

Poster Sessions
Posters will be the primary venue for presentation of the annual meeting's highest quality research findings and methods. The poster boards are 4 feet tall by 8 feet wide. There will be 4 posters per board, 2 per side. The maximum size for your poster should be 4 feet by 4 feet. Push pins will be provided. You will be able to find your poster/program number online once the program has been posted as well as onsite on the poster room directory board. As a reminder, all presenters are required to register and pay to attend the meeting in order to present. Posters will be hung the night before each session and will be on display for nearly 24 hours. A panel of judges will select the four best posters from each of the three sessions. Poster winners will be recognized publicly at the Plenary Sessions. The prizes are gift certificates for Oxford University Press in the amount of $100 first prize, $75 second prize and $50 third prize. There will be one $100 first place prize specifically for a student presenter in each session. The prizes can be picked up at the Registration Desk.

Poster Session 1: Tuesday, June 24, 7:30 - 8:30 PM
Setup: Tuesday, June 24; after 5:00 PM
Takedown: Wednesday, June 25; by 1:00 PM
Judging announced: Wednesday, June 25, 8:00-9:30 AM (Plenary Session)

Poster Session 2: Thursday, June 25, 5:00 - 6:00 PM
Setup: Wednesday, June 25; after 1:00 PM
Takedown: Thursday, June 26; by 1:00 PM
Judging announced: Thursday, June 26, 8:00-9:30 AM (Plenary Session)

Poster Session 3: Thursday, June 26, 5:00 - 6:00 PM
Setup: Thursday, June 26; after 1:00 PM
Takedown: Friday, June 27; by 1:00 PM
Judging announced: Friday, June 27, 8:00-9:30 AM (Plenary Session)

Alumni Reunions, Thursday evening, June 26
Thursday evening has been set aside for receptions for faculty, alumni, and students from various universities. Check the message board or click the link below for announcements from your university.

Student and Postdoc Committee Events
Several outstanding activities and events have been planned by your SER SPC officers. Check them out at the following website:
http://www.epiresearch.org/meeting/spc.php

Full Program Details:
http://www.epiresearch.org/meeting/program.php

Social Media
Join the conversation!
Follow us on twitter @societyforepi. Live tweet during the meeting #SER2014

Online Meeting Evaluations
Please provide feedback on the meeting so that the Society can offer the best possible meetings.
www.epiresearch.org/evaluations