



Pre-conference Workshop Schedule

We have planned a diverse set of exceptional pre-conference workshops with many opportunities to meet your needs ... whether student, new researcher, or experienced researcher!

Wednesday, February 11, 2009

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

- **Perish-Proof Publications for Researchers.** This pre-conference is always well-attended and highly rated because it focuses on helping YOU map out YOUR publishable research reports for a variety of purposes. Content on systematically using reviewer feedback and responding to feedback is also provided.

Facilitators for this session include: *Barbara J. Holtzclaw, PhD, RN, FAAN; Kay Avant, PhD, RN, FAAN; and Janet Meininger, PhD, RN, FAAN*

- **Introduction to Rasch Analysis: What is it and How does it help with measurement?** We had special requests to offer a preconference focused on Item Response Theory (IRT), given that it has recently become mainstream as the theoretical basis for measurement, allowing researchers to measure people's trait levels based on their responses to test items. You will be introduced to the simplest of the IRT models, the Rasch model or the one-parameter logistic model (1PL) and the ways in which it can be used to establish and expand on the reliability and validity of measures. You will be provided with resources to complete a Rasch analysis using YOUR OWN measurement data.

Facilitator: *Barbara Resnick, PhD, CRNP, FAAN, FAANP*

1:00 pm – 3:30 pm

- **Developmental Science as the Framework for Developmental and Health Trajectory Research Across the Lifespan.** In this specially-requested preconference workshop, you will become acquainted with key principles of developmental science for use in developmental and health trajectory research across the lifespan. You will learn how using developmental science as a framework can expand research design and analysis.

Facilitators: *Diane Holditch-Davis, RN, PhD, FAAN and Margaret S. Miles, RN, PhD, FAAN*

1:00 pm – 3:45 pm

- **Doctoral Student Workshop.** This year's doctoral student pre-conference focuses on Decisions and Milestones to a Research Career. Plan to attend if you are interested in factors to consider in having a successful dissertation process, the value of applying for grant funding, and whether or not to do a post-doc.

Facilitators include several doctoral students as well as faculty.

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

- **Succession Planning: The Next Generation of Professional Association Leadership.** This workshop is designed to prepare YOU to make an informed decision about YOUR future as an elected leader in SNRS. The purposes, structures and legal aspects of non-profit membership-based organizations in general will be described and then focus on SNRS specifically. This is your opportunity to interact with current Governing Board members and SNRS's Executive Director. Refreshments will be served.

Facilitators include: *D. Patricia Gray, PhD, RN; David Stumpf, IOM, CAE; Patricia Crane, PhD, RN, FAHA; Douglas Sutton, EdD, ARNP, NP-C; Kay Avant, PhD, RN, FAAN; S. Lee Ridner, PhD, FNP-BC; and SNRS Board Members.*