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Fellow Napcrg'ers,

Spring has finally sprung here in the Midwest. And with that comes a sense of renewal and new beginnings for NAPCRG. We have a new Executive Director, registration for the PBRN Conference is surpassing expectations, and submissions of presentations for the Annual Meeting were outstanding both in the number of submissions and their content. All good things for primary care research and researchers alike.



Take note of the many dates and deadlines below. The deadline for nominations for the Wood Award is coming soon, as is the early bird registration deadline for the PBRN conference. And read on for what you have to look forward to at the PBRN Conference as well as a few other noteworthy items.

Hopefully the meaning of spring has come to your work as well and you are seeing new and transformative innovations emerge in your research.

Our best,

Your NAPCRG staff

Mark Your Calendar

May 15: PBRN Conference Early Bird Registration Deadline

May 20: Wood Award Nomination Deadline

June 18-19: PBRN Conference, Bethesda, MD

November 9-13: NAPCRG Annual Meeting, Ottawa, Ontario

Noteworthy News



PBRN Conference

The NAPCRG PBRN Conference is right around the corner. Early bird registration ends May 15th, [register online now](#) and save \$100!

We look forward to welcoming PBRN researchers from the US, Canada, and many other nations to share strategies, methods, and

results. There are many new offerings and you are almost guaranteed to hear something new at this year's conference. New this year is a *no fee* preconference offering on “*Research Procedures to Guide the Quality of PBRN Operations*” on June 18 at 8:30 am. Learn more about the preconference program [here](#).

The [full conference agenda](#) begins on Tuesday, June 18, with a networking lunch and the first of three fantastic plenaries, followed by a full range of workshops, exemplary oral presentations, posters sessions and networking. This year we have special interest groups and networking on both days. You can [sign up now](#) and see who else wants to meet.

Make your [hotel reservations](#) by May 30th to take advantage of our special PBRN room rate.

NAPCRG Wood Award Nominations

Each year, NAPCRG solicits nominees for the annual Wood Award from members and other professionals. To nominate an individual for the 2013 Wood Award, submit a letter describing the nominee's contributions to primary care research and state why the person should be a candidate. Include a CV with the nomination letter. **Send nominations by May 20, 2013**, to NAPCRG via e-mail to pnoland@napcrg.org. Please note that nominations are held in the selection pool for 3 years. After that point, individuals will have to be re-nominated to be considered. Please contact the NAPCRG office with questions (888-371-6397).

The Maurice Wood Award for Lifetime Contribution to Primary Care Research is given annually to honor a researcher who has made outstanding contributions to primary care research over the course of a lifetime. Scientists from all nations, working in all professional fields and scientific disciplines, are eligible to receive the Wood Award, which is presented at the Annual Meeting of the North American Primary Care Research Group. The award is named in honor of Maurice Wood, a pioneer in primary care research and a founder of NAPCRG.

CERA Call for Proposals

The CERA call for proposals is open. Information is available [here](#):

For questions or more information, contact Lorraine S. Wallace, PhD,

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NAPCRG Dues are Tax Deductible

U.S. and Canadian dues paying NAPCRG members may deduct dues payments as a business expenditure on individual income taxes. This means that 100% of NAPCRG's dues are tax deductible for U.S. and Canadian NAPCRG members as a business expenditure provided dues are paid using personal funds.

Member Spotlight

Help us with our Member Spotlight!

Answer at least three of the following questions in a few brief sentences and send your answers to Kristin at krobinson@napcrg.org. Please send a photo too (preferably something besides a head shot).

- 1) What are your research interests?
- 2) What is your fondest NAPCRG memory/experience?
- 3) What are your hobbies and interest that aren't commonly known?
- 4) What would you love to learn more about? What connections would you like to make?
- 5) What are your favorite professional resources, meetings, secrets, tips?

Position Openings

Does your university or institution have a position opening you'd like to advertise to the NAPCRG membership? Contact Kristin Robinson, krobinson@napcrg.org for information.

About NAPCRG

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The North American Primary Care Research Group (NAPCRG) is a 1,400-member association committed to producing and disseminating new knowledge from all disciplines relevant to primary care. NAPCRG has bi-national governance (US-Canada) and international research vision and outreach.

NAPCRG's Annual Meeting is the premier international forum for presenting new knowledge

in primary care and advanced in research methodology. NAPCRG is committed to a nurturing, informative and inspiring environment for all members.

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