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Good Day Members of the Adventist Human-Subject Researchers Association,

This has been a very difficult year for all of us. We all look forward to the end of the COVID-19 pandemic. While vaccines give us hope that we can begin in person conferences, we do not believe this will occur in time for us to hold our 2021 conference in person. A virtual conference is our next best option.

<u>**A Virtual Conference**</u> – To keep our organization's momentum going, AHSRA officers and planning committee, plan to hold a virtual conference this year hosted at Andrews University. Across the globe many professional organizations have successfully moved to virtual conferences using available technology. We will hold our virtual conference from May 19-21 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to p.m. US Eastern Daylight time. This is a Wednesday through Friday. To accommodate the time differences for our conference attendees around the world, we have scheduled an hour before the conference begins (8 - 9 a.m.) and an hour after our conference ends (1 - 2 p.m.) for social interaction, worship time and other meetings.

<u>**Conference Theme**</u> **–** *Health, Gospel, Community: Get Involved*
This theme is broad and is intended to cover a wide variety of human-subject research in health behaviors, community-based research, educational research, and missiology.

<u>**Submissions**</u> **–** All submissions should be made to Andrews University Digital Commons at: https://digitalcommons.andrews.edu/ahsra/2021/

2020 Submissions -- If you submitted a presentation for the 2020 conference and <u>it was not published</u> in the 2020 conference proceedings, we invite you to re-submit your abstract from last year. Here is the website for the 2020 Conference Research Briefs -- **2020 CONFERENCE RESEARCH BRIEFS**

<u>**Rolling Submissions**</u> **–** We will have rolling submissions for the 2021 conference, with submissions open from now until April 1 , 2021. After a review of the abstracts, applicants will be notified by April 16, 2021. We generally expect those submissions not selected for an oral presentation to be accepted for a poster presentation.

<u>**Registration Now Open at Conference Website**</u> – The meeting website is www.ahsra.net. Please go to that page to register for the conference.

The fee structure is as follows:

- Presenters $50
- Attendees $30
- Student presenters $20
- Student attendees $10

   When you go to the website, you will see the price of $50. That is for presenters. Click on the *Add to Cart* option. You will see space for your name and then on the right you will see a scroll down option. Click on that and you will see the above prices shown as a discount from $50.

Andrews Research Conference – Andrews University is holding an early career social science conference prior to AHSRA (May 17-19). This conference ends the day the AHSRA conference begins. AHSRA Registrants are encouraged to also attend the ARC conference. Your registration for AHSRA also covers the ARC conference

The review criteria that will be used to evaluate submissions is attached to this e-mail. Oral presentations at the AHSRA conference are peer reviewed and should count for full credit in faculty research productivity reports. We will also have a poster session for those submissions that are not accepted into the oral sessions.

Proposal submissions must include the following information:
- Name and contact information for the person(s) making this submission.
- A title and one-page presentation summary (250-500 words not including title and names).
- A 50-word abstract suitable for printing in the final program.
- A list of references/bibliography, which includes some sources published within the past 5 years.

Criteria for a successful proposal include (also see the attached peer review criteria):
- The proposal offers a rationale that the presentation will add to the body of knowledge currently available on the topic addressed.
- The proposal includes a practical component that participants can readily apply in practice, ministry, or service.
- The proposal is clearly informed by the current literature.
- The concepts in the proposal are clear and the proposal is understandable and well organized.
- The proposal includes high-quality data that was appropriately collected and analyzed (or the analysis plan is appropriate and reasonable).

If my presentation proposal is accepted, I agree to the following requirements:
- *Attend the 2021 Virtual AHSRA Conference at Andrews University and make my presentation unless a bona fide emergency occurs.*
- *Register at my own expense no later than **Friday, April 22, 2021**. If I do not register for the conference by that date, my presentation may have to be removed from the conference program.*
- *Understand that no honorarium or admission waiver will be given for presentations.*
- *Make my presentation at the time selected by the AHSRA 2021 planning committee.*

Program – As we develop the program, we will post it on the meeting website www.ahsra.net.

Sincerely,

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