

Dear SAVIR Members,

Registration is open!

You have hopefully received a flyer in the mail information about registering for the 2009 SAVIR National Violence and Injury Prevention Conference, taking place March 4 – 6, at the Emory Conference Center in Atlanta, GA. You can use the registration form on the flyer, or register online at: <http://www.med.emory.edu/CME/course/09/09-EM0304.cfm>

This is shaping up to be a very exciting meeting. Key note speakers include:

- John Howard, MD, MPH, JD, former Director of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health and shaper of the NIOSH Research to Practice initiative.
- Avery Nathans, MD, PhD, MPH, Professor of Surgery, Health Policy, and Management and Evaluation at the University of Toronto, and Canada Research Chair in Trauma Systems Design

In addition, we will have many distinguished panelists and scientific presentations. We received more than double the number of abstracts, which is a good sign that this meeting is becoming an important activity in the field of injury prevention research.

In addition to the conference, the SAVIR Training and Infrastructure Committee is hosting a ½ day pre-conference on advocacy. Panelists for this workshop include Linda Degutis, Yale University; Sue Gallagher, Tufts University School of Medicine; Susan Hardman, New York State Department of Health; and, Amy Harris, NCIPC. You can register for the pre-conference as part of the SAVIR conference.

I look forward to seeing you in March!

On another note, I also want to encourage you to support SAVIR as we grow into a professional organization for injury researchers. We have two important ways to help:

1. Shopping on Amazon.com helps SAVIR! If you make Amazon.com purchases through the SAVIR Amazon shopping site, a percentage of each sale goes to SAVIR (prices are the same). The SAVIR Amazon Store highlights injury prevention books, but you can search and purchase any Amazon product. You can get to the SAVIR Amazon Store through the website under the “resources” link, or through the direct link below.

<http://astore.amazon.com/s0db-20>

2. We have just sent out an all-member donation solicitation. While your membership is the most important contribution to SAVIR, we need additional infrastructure funding

during our formative years. Our organization was launched in 2005, and our volunteer members work to provide as a professional organization for researchers who create and share the knowledge needed to prevent and improve treatment for traumatic injury. What you may not know is that SAVIR currently has no direct funding mechanism.

This fall, SAVIR initiated its first ever fundraising campaign. We have many opportunities to expand and grow funding for our organization. Your donation is fully tax-deductible.

Wishing SAVIR members and families a wonderful, safe winter holiday.

Yours Truly,
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