

Dear SAVIR Members,

Our second SAVIR Injury Research conference was a huge success. I want to thank our partners, the Emory University Center for Injury Control and the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, for all their hard work and contributions. Our conference hosts, Dr. Deb Houry, Dr. Art Kellerman, Dr. Barbara Rothbaum, Dr. Monica Swahn, and Shakiyla Smith, did a fantastic job planning, coordinating, and helping make everyone feel at home. I also want to thank Dr. Shannon Fratteroli, chair of the SAVIR Conference Committee, and Julie Gibbs for all their work on SAVIR's behalf to make this conference so successful.

This conference was a wonderful follow-up to our first conference in Columbus, Ohio, and we have some encouraging measures of growth. For example, registrations increased from 122 to 249, and abstract submissions increased from 78 to 181. Most important than these numbers, though, are the comments we received about the high quality of the scientific presentations and posters and the opportunities for members of the injury prevention and control research community to network together.



Conference attendees enjoy reception at the Carter Center.



Conference attendees listen to plenary session presented by Dr. Avery Nathans.

### **SAVIR President's Award**

This year, SAVIR initiated the SAVIR President's Award. This award was initiated in order to acknowledge dedication and leadership for SAVIR and the field of Violence and Injury Prevention. The award recipient is identified by the President, Past President, and President-Elect. The first SAVIR President's Award recipient is

Dr. Shannon Fratteroli from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health's Center for Injury Research and Policy.



President Elect Mike Mello, President Corinne Peek-Asa, SAVIR President's Award recipient Shannon Fratteroli, and Past President Charlie Branas present the SAVIR President's Award at the Carter Center during the conference at Emory. March, 2009

### **Mark your calendars**

Please mark your calendars for the Third SAVIR Injury Research Conference, which will be hosted by the University of Iowa Injury Prevention Research Center in Iowa City from Wednesday, April 6 through Friday, April 8, 2011.

The Fourth SAVIR Injury Research Conference will be hosted by the Johns Hopkins Center for Injury Research and Policy in June of 2013.

### **SAVIR Advocacy Efforts**

SAVIR is involved in many activities in partnership with other organizations to weigh in on many different issues related to the field of injury and violence prevention and control. Check our website frequently to see postings of our advocacy partnerships.

### **Time to renew your membership!**

Many of you should be receiving renewal notices for your SAVIR membership. Please renew your memberships as soon as possible. While renewing your membership, it might help to think about your organization and which type of membership fits best. SAVIR has several different types of memberships including: Individual (Professional, Student and Emeritus) and Organizational (Center and Affiliate).

[SAVIR: CURRENT Membership ~ Renewal](#)

Yours Truly,  
Corinne Peek-Asa, PhD  
President, Society for Advancement of Violence and Injury Research  
University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA, USA

### **Contact Information**

Julie Gibbs-Long  
SAVIR Administrator  
[admin@savirweb.org](mailto:admin@savirweb.org)