



2018 NARHC Conference News

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Portland.... Here we Come!!!

The NARHC is on the move! We are so excited that we can now rotate the U.S. NARHC around the country and equally excited that Portland Oregon is our first stop. So.....if you are on the west coast this is your chance to represent!

This is also a very important year because it is the first year the *Society of Refugee Healthcare Providers* is running the U.S. NARHC. The success of the conference this year will solidify the Society and ensure that we will be able to hold this conference for many years to come. You see...your participation this year means so much more than just getting some educational credits!

Speaking of credits...the 2018 NARHC is accredited for **17 hours of Continuing Education** for Physicians, PA's, NP's, Pharmacists, Nurses, Health Executives, Dentists, Psychologists, Social Workers, and Mental Health Counselors. WOW! That is a lot of professions. To learn more about our educational credits visit the conference page below.

To see our conference page and register:

<http://nasrhp.org/>

Important Dates

Last Day to Submit an Abstract or Workshop

March 1st, 2018

Notification of Abstract and Workshop Acceptance

April 1st, 2018

Last Day to Book a Room at Conference Rate

May 9th, 2018

Two Hotel Options

We blocked 600 room nights for our traveling attendees. One hotel is within walking distance of the Convention Center, and one is downtown where all the action is. If you know you are coming, then now is a good time to lock in your room before we fill up the block.

You can book directly through this link:

<https://aws.passkey.com/event/49395116/owner/3232/home>



Get ready for the **MAX Light Rail**. This convenient trolley travels from the airport to hotels and all over Portland. It stops at your location every 15 minutes. You will be using it to get to the Convention Center, airport, your hotel, and all the sights in Portland.

We will be providing you with **FREE MAX TICKETS** for your time at the conference.

(Yeah, we love free stuff!)

Three Keynote Speakers on Thursday!

We are going to start this conference off right with three excellent keynote speakers.



*Alex Neve, Secretary General,
Amnesty International, Canada*

Alex will start off the conference talking about refugees, human rights, and the Canada/U.S. Safe Third Party Agreement. He has authored many studies and legal submissions for the United Nations, including the Maher Arar Commission. Alex spoke for the first time at the NARHC in Toronto last year and received rave reviews. It is a great honor to have him kick off our 2018 U.S. NARHC.



*Paul Spiegel, MD, MPH
Director, Johns Hopkins Center
for Humanitarian Health*

Immediately following Alex Neve will be Paul Spiegel. Paul has been a staple at the Toronto NARHC but this is his first time addressing the U.S. NARHC (and we are very excited about this opportunity). Dr. Spiegel was previously the Deputy Director of UNHCR. He has a wealth of knowledge to share with us and this year he will be talking about innovative health financing mechanisms for humanitarian emergencies.

We will wrap up the day with a final keynote that is sure to be your favorite.



*David Shlim, MD
Medical Director, Jackson Hole
Travel and Tropical Medicine*

David is the co-author of *Medicine and Compassion: An American Doctor and Tibetan Lama on How to Provide Care with Compassion and Wisdom*. This is his first time speaking at the U.S. NARHC. He will close out Thursday afternoon with an inspirational keynote called *A Gentle Rain of Compassion*.

Other Keynote Speakers

FRIDAY

The Dark Side of Immigration Medical Screening

Brian Gushulak, MD
Migration Health Consultants, Inc.
Qualicum Beach, BC

Refugee Resettlement: America's Most Noble Tradition under Attack

Chris George
Executive Director, Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services
New Haven, CT

SATURDAY

The Birth Lottery

Yasmine Mustafa
CEO and Founder
ROAR for Good
Philadelphia, PA

Everything is Coming up Roses!



It is hard to imagine beautiful roses in the dead of the winter, but just play along for a few minutes.

The **Portland Rose Festival** will be going on during our conference! This 100 year old festival was the first of its kind in the Pacific Northwest and is not just famous for thousands of roses but also events, bands, parades, art shows, and many other activities starting on Memorial Day and going through the second week of June.

The big highlight during the week of our conference is **Fleet Week** (June 6-10). During this week visiting ships and other fleet-related vessels (like submarines) make their way to the Portland waterfront for a week of tours and activities.

There are just too many activities to describe in this short article so I encourage you to visit the Rose Festival website and take a little break from winter and see what you have awaiting in Portland when you arrive.

Portland Rose Festival

<http://www.rosefestival.org/>

Travel Portland

<https://www.travelporeland.com/>

Top 10 Reasons to Visit Portland

<https://www.lonelyplanet.com/usa/pacific-northwest/portland/travel-tips-and-articles/top-10-reasons-to-visit-portland-oregon/40625c8c-8a11-5710-a052-1479d277ee2a>

Portland Travel Guide

<http://www.travelandleisure.com/travel-guide/portland-oregon>

DISCOUNT RATES AVAILABLE!

Society Members receive a discount on registration.

To join, go to <http://nasrhp.org/>

Look at the conference registration savings....

Regular Rate: \$425
Student Rate: \$325

Society Regular Rate: \$325
Society Student Rate: \$225

What if you can't make the conference this year?

No worries. Life happens. You can still be a part of the success of the Society's inaugural conference. There are 21 previously resettled refugees that are either working or training in the medical field and have applied for a scholarship to attend. Your donation to this scholarship fund is 100% tax deductible and you can rest assured that it will be put to good use through sponsorship of a refugee to attend. You can donate any amount (everything helps!). As of the date of this newsletter we have already awarded two scholarships.

Go to this link to donate:

<https://nasrhp.z2systems.com/donation.jsp?campaign=1&>

Note from the Chair....

*Throughout the centuries there were men and women
who took first steps down new roads armed with
nothing but their own vision.*

Ayn Rand

This is my favorite quote. I look at it periodically to remind myself that I am not alone when going down a new road. The conference this year is a new road for us. We started the Society two years ago knowing that we would probably eventually take over the U.S. NARHC... but I never thought it would happen this fast!

It is both an opportunity and a challenge at the same time.

The challenge is that if not enough people attend, the Society will suffer financially and this will probably be the first and last time the Board authorizes us running the conference.

The opportunity is that if we have a banner year with lots of attendees, then we set a course where the U.S. NARHC will continue under the Society for decades to come.

Think of it for a second...a decade from now there can be kids that are in high school right now that will be attending the conference and presenting abstracts. Certainly, a legacy we can all be proud of. You all can be personally responsible for creating this legacy by pledging to attend in 2018.

A new (uncharted) road for sure....but not impossible...

I look forward to seeing you all in June.

Best,
Jim Sutton, Chair, 2018 NARHC