



Our Final Schedule is Here!

It took a while (and a whole lot of emails) but we have finally pieced together our final program! It was really hard paring down over 500 abstracts into a workable program but I think we have not only figured it out but I also think we absolutely nailed it this year.

Thank you everyone for your great submissions and when you see the final program you are going to immediately see that this is going to be our best educational program ever! It is a great mixture of panel discussions, workshops, top notch keynote and plenary speakers, and literally hundreds of scientific oral and poster presentations.

To see the final program, go to our website <http://nasrhp.org/> You will find the program right at the top of the conference page. While you are there...this would be a good time to lock in your registration before we fill up.

Not only did we hit a record number of abstract submissions, I think we are going to hit a record attendance too!

To see our conference page and register:

<http://nasrhp.org/>

Important Dates

Last Day to Book
a Hotel Room at
Conference Rate

May 9th, 2018

Conference
Begins!

June 7th, 2018

Hotels are almost sold out...

As of today, our hotel room block is 92% full.

I am sure that in the next 20 days we will sell out. I have been in contact with Travel Portland and they are working on expanding our block at the conference hotels but there is no guarantee. If we max out, they will add a link to our hotel landing page to assist people with finding other hotels in Portland. I suggest you book early.

If you need assistance during the reservation process or if you have questions about the conference hotels, please contact the Travel Portland Housing Department via one of the following methods:

Hours: Monday through Friday
from 8:30am to 5:00pm PT
Phone: 1-503-275-9295
Toll Free: 1-877-678-5263 x2
housing@travelportland.com

Conference Weather



75° F

Don't Miss our June 7th Reception!

To finish our first conference day we will celebrate with some exotic finger foods, great networking, and a performance that will inspire you.

We have invited the ***Obo Addy Legacy Project*** to perform some traditional West African music for us (lots of drums!).

Established in 1986, this non-profit carries forth the work begun by their late founder Obo Addy. Addy was a renowned leader, teacher, and entertainer going throughout the Pacific Northwest helping people understand African Arts.

Okropong ("eagle") performs traditional Ghanaian dance and music chosen from the various ethnic cultures in Ghana, including Ga, Ewe, Ashanti, Dagomba and Dagarti. Using a variety of hand and stick drums, talking drums, bells and shakers, the musicians build layers of driving rhythms while the dancers engage in an energetic physical "conversation" with the drummers. The music is based on the teachings of the legendary drummer, Obo Addy.

Please join us for this interesting 20 minute performance.

5 PM, June 7th, Exhibit Hall A

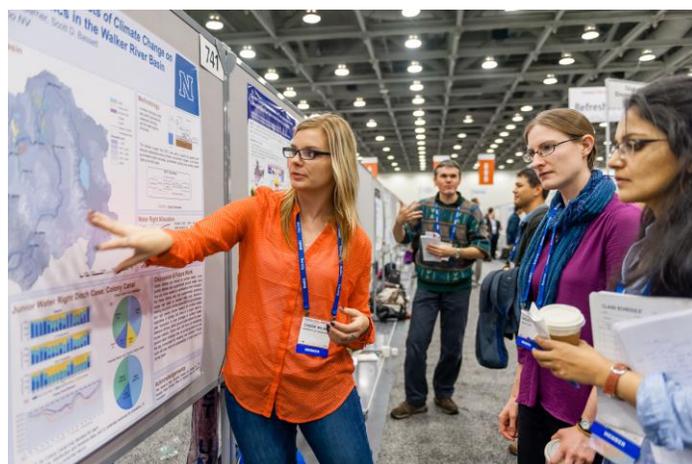
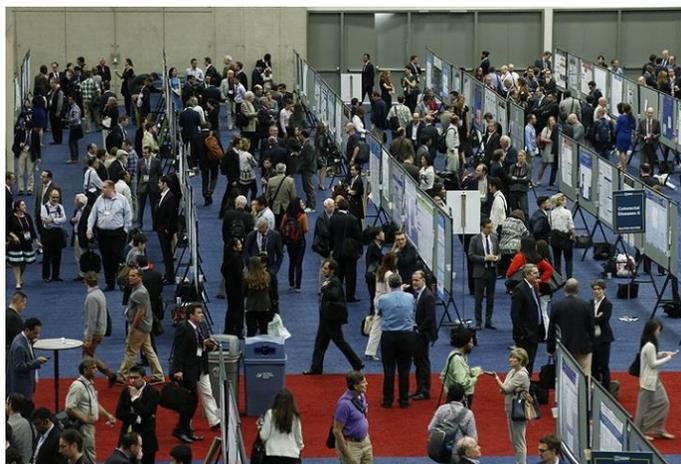


Poster Hall, Friday June 8th 11:00AM – 1:30 PM

This year we will be featuring 140 scientific poster presentations in our poster hall. That is the most we have ever had at a NARHC. During our extended lunch on Friday there will be an opportunity to browse hundreds of posters and talk to the authors.

Topics this year include:

- Advocacy
- Chronic Disease
- Community
- Education/Research
- Infectious Disease
- Mental Health
- Models of Care
- Nutrition and Body
- Pediatrics
- Screening
- Vaccines
- Women's Health



A cheap (and easy) way to get to your hotel from the Airport

The **max light rail** leaves from the Portland Airport every 15 minutes and arrives at all our conference hotels. It is only \$2.50 for the trip. It is also the easiest way to travel from your hotel to the Oregon Convention Center.

When you arrive at the conference we have complimentary tickets for the light rail for your stay in Portland.

Some Quick Updates...

Scholarships...

We have 45 previously resettled refugees that have applied. 9 scholarships have been awarded. You can donate when you register or at this web link. Donations are tax deductible.

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

Deadlines...

We don't like deadlines! We were given no choice with the May 9th hotel room deadline. As far as registration goes, you can register all the way up to the door. If we get to the point where we have to limit registration we will let you know far in advance. Go here for our conference hotel landing page:

<http://nasrhp.org/hotel-information>

Note from the Chair....

Are you Hard or Soft? Let me explain a bit more...

“Hard” folks seek a scientific answer to life. They pay careful attention to “n” and “p” values and want science to guide their decisions. When attending a lecture they want to understand the most scientific and logical path from point A to point B.

“Soft” folks are more interested in the overall meaning of life. They pay careful attention to how relationships, emotion, and culture guide their decisions. When attending a lecture they want to understand why we are moving from point A to point B and what does that mean.

There is a little bit of each in all of us but generally we lean one way or the other. Dr. Banerji (the Toronto NARHC Chair) and I are constantly walking on a tight rope trying to find a balance between the two concepts. Lean one way too far and you alienate the other side. Bow too much to the medical scientists and the social scientists will let you have it. Sometimes I feel like I am in a no-win situation.....and I will admit that some years the balance wasn't where I wanted it to be.

When you look at this year's schedule keep the “hard” & “soft” concepts in mind. I think you will begin to see why we are so proud of our line-up this year. I may be completely wrong, but I truly believe we have struck the right balance this year.....enough hard and soft content to keep everyone happy.

I think many of you already agree based on our registration rate so far. It looks like everyone is seeing something they can get out of this conference in 2018 and we are on track for our largest attendance ever!

Can't wait to see you all in June.

Best,
Jim Sutton, Chair, 2018 NARHC