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2007 SDRME Summer Meeting
Hotel & Registration Deadlines: JUNE 8, 2007

Dear SDRME Colleague:

We would like to officially invite you to the **2007 SDRME Summer Meeting**. The meeting will be held **July 8-11**, **2007** at the scenic "Lodges at Deer Valley" http://www.lodges-deervalley.com/resort.php/LODGES in Park City, Utah.

Lodging. The resort is holding a block of rooms at a discounted rate for our meeting until **June 8**, **2007** so please make your reservations by that date. Make your reservations directly to the "Lodges at Deer Valley" (see attached "Lodges at DV Individual Res Form") indicating you are with SDRME. SDRME room rates start at \$125. A deposit for one night's lodging must be paid at the time of the reservation. After June 8, unused rooms in our block will be released and reservations will have to be made on a space-available basis.

Meeting Registration. The registration fee for meeting participants is \$255. This includes a welcoming reception on Sunday evening, breakfast Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday mornings, and a dinner Tuesday evening. Additional guests are welcome to attend the reception and/or dinner. There will be an additional cost of \$30 for the dinner. Reservations to attend these activities can be made at the time you register or when you arrive at the meeting. Please return your completed "Meeting Reservation Form" (attached) to Linda Goldenhar by June 8, 2007.

Meeting Program. The program takes into account the input we received in our pre-conference discussions at AAMC. Here are some highlights:

- The meeting will start Sunday afternoon with an informative business meeting and a reception to meet new members and reconnect with our colleagues.
- We will start each morning with sessions focused on activities to engage and stimulate our right brains.
- The program will start each morning at 8:30 am and run until 1:00 pm (noon on 7/11). We have planned a mix of presentations and "issues of the day". Program features include:
 - 1. "Research in Medical Education." (SDRME and the national focus): Dr. Carol Aschenbrener, Executive Vice President at AAMC, will be joining us to provide her national perspective and to participate in discussion sessions focused on determining priorities for medical education research and strategies for accomplishing collaborative studies.
 - 2. "What Works": Selected sessions will deal with different topics related to our research or support functions. Topics will be focused on new or enhanced methods; lessons learned; and strategies for accomplishing historically difficult tasks (e.g., Reflective Practice/Self-Assessment, Educational Technology, Exemplars in Medical Education, and Developing New Medical Educators).
 - 3. <u>"Statistical Procedures for the 21st Century"</u>: Sessions will feature statistical methods that participants have identified as areas of interest. This year we will have one session on Multivariate Categorical Analysis and one on Qualitative Analysis.

- Continuing with tradition, afternoons will remain open for networking and recreation. Group adventures will be planned for both Monday and Tuesday.
- In addition to our annual dinner scheduled for Tuesday evening, we are offering an optional "Dinner with Carol" on Monday night to continue discussions on priorities and plans for collaborative medical education research. Both these evening sessions will give participants additional opportunities for personal growth, networking, and involvement in national collaborative initiatives.

Meeting Venue and Travel. The Lodges at Deer Valley www.deervalley.com is replete with vacation and recreational activities, including golf, hiking, mountain biking, fly fishing, hot air balloon rides, and horseback riding.

The Salt Lake City International Airport is located 40 minutes from Deer Valley. Park City Transportation offers a variety of services that can be requested upon registration. Deer Valley Lodging's in-house travel offers special package fares with DELTA AIRLINES.

I look forward to seeing you at Deer Valley in July. The executive committee believes that this meeting represents an opportunity to benefit from the wisdom of great colleagues in a beautiful location. In organizing the program this year, we have tried to provide a balance with multiple learning opportunities as well as time for recreation and networking.

If you need to be on the program to obtain travel funds from your institution to attend, I invite you to contact me to arrange a way for you to get involved.

Sincerely,

Linda Perkowski, Ph.D. Chair Elect SDRME Executive Committee