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Dear Academy Members and Colleagues:

As President of the American Academy of Health Behavior, I am pleased to welcome you to our 14th annual scientific meeting --**Environment, Policy & Behavior Change**. The meeting will provide attendees with the chance to interact directly with the field's best researcher who research environmental and policy impacts on behavior change.

We have a very strong slate of nationally known speakers and an exciting meeting agenda. Additionally, this year's meeting includes two exceptional workshops on "Strategies for Obtaining External Funding from Non-Governmental Sources" and "Health Literacy: What is it and How Can We Apply it to Health Behavior Research?" as well as breakfast roundtables, AAHB Fellow-sponsored mentoring seminars, poster sessions, and evening social events. Also, I would like to personally invite all AAHB members to attend the second annual AAHB Business Meeting on Tuesday at 4:45pm. Please refer to the eProgram at <http://aahb.wildapricot.org/2014> **Electronic Program** for details regarding days, times, rooms, and descriptions.

Most notably, at the opening session on Sunday evening we will proudly recognize Dr. David Abrams as the 2014 AAHB Research Laureate, Dr. Kaigang Li as the 2014 Judy K. Black Award winner, and the 2014 AAHB Fellows. On Wednesday morning, Dr. Dong-Chul Seo will be inaugurated as the 14th President of The Academy.

The planning for our annual meeting is a task requiring considerable effort and time. The Board of Directors and the Conference Planning Committee (see back of this page) has worked for over a year to bring this program to all of us. I want to thank Dr. Renee Umstattd Meyer for her leadership in developing the conference program and to Dr. Mark Reed for directing this year's poster abstract and award review process. Both have dedicated countless hours to bring us a top notch slate of speakers and poster presentations. Room does not permit thanking each committee member, but they each deserve high kudos for all their work in developing the activities that wrap around each morning's program. And we would all agree that the person who holds us all together is Joanne Sommers, our Executive Director, who ensures that the day-to-day operations of the Academy run smoothly and efficiently!

You will be receiving an email shortly after the meeting to complete our online meeting evaluation. We look forward to your feedback regarding this year's meeting — we take your comments very seriously and each year point to changes we've made based on participant comments.

Best wishes for an enjoyable conference experience!

Sincerely,

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