

Dear Academy Members and Other Colleagues:

As President of the American Academy of Health Behavior, I am pleased to welcome you to our 10th annual scientific meeting - *Implementation Science: Translating Evidence-Based Health Behavior Research to Practice*. The meeting will focus on translation of evidence-based research to real world settings. Our sessions led by nationally-recognized researchers in implementation science will describe state-of-the-art methods, measures, models, and challenges. As you will see in this conference program, we also offer exciting workshops on Sunday and Monday, as well as breakfast roundtables, Academy Fellow-supported mentoring seminars, poster sessions, and evening social events.

The planning for our annual meeting is a task requiring considerable amount of effort. First and foremost, I want to thank Dr. Rita Debate for her leadership in developing the conference program. She has spent countless hours planning the agenda and recruiting top-notch presenters. The Board of Directors also deserves recognition for the guidance they provided in this process. I also appreciate the hospitality and assistance provided to us by the management team of the Sheraton Sand Key Resort. Consider taking advantage of the recreational opportunities and dining venues onsite.

Allow me to point out a few meeting highlights. On Monday at 8:30 a.m., Dr. Lawrence W. Green will present the keynote address: *Reforming Health Behavior Research during AAHB's First Decade: Translating Literal Evidence to Literal Populations and Settings*. Also on Monday, we will be honoring our colleague, Dr. Kenneth McLeroy with the Research Laureate Award. His presentation promises to be thought-provoking. On Wednesday morning, Dr. David Seal will be inaugurated as the 10th President of The Academy. Please consult the detailed conference program to identify times of the other exceptional presentations.

For Joanne Sommers, this is her first meeting as our new Executive Director. In her short time with us, Joanne has demonstrated an ability to learn quickly. She has done a fantastic job of helping us to prepare for this meeting. Take the time to introduce yourself to Joanne during the meeting.

We look forward to your reactions to this year's meeting. Please be sure to provide us feedback using our online survey.

With best wishes for an enjoyable conference experience,



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