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2008 SDRME Summer Meeting

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Dear SDRME Colleague:

We would like to officially invite you to the 2008 SDRME Summer Meeting. The meeting will be held **July 6-9, 2008** at Grove Park Inn & Spa <http://groveparkinn.com> in Asheville, NC.*

Meeting Registration. The registration fee for meeting participants is \$255 which covers a 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 with an additional cost of \$45 for the dinner. Meeting registration (and guest dinner fee) can be paid online at <http://www.acteva.com/booking.cfm?bevaid=150452>. If you cannot pay by credit card, a registration form is provided on the SDRME web site. If you plan to bring a guest, e-mail Linda Goldenhar (GOLDENLA@UCMAIL.UC.EDU) to make a reservation. You may pay for your guest's dinner at the meeting.

Meeting Program. The program promises to offer a great menu of substantive sessions. We are excited to have Steven Kanter, MD, Vice Dean, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and Editor of *Academic Medicine* join us to speak about his vision for the journal, fruitful directions for medical education research, and opportunities for collaboration and leadership. The program is being shaped by the input we received from participants following last summer's meeting and from the survey conducted at the fall AAMC meeting. We will start Sunday afternoon with an informative business meeting followed by a reception to meet new members and reconnect with our colleagues. The program ends Wednesday at noon. Look for an email with the schedule within the next few weeks.

Lodging. Grove Park Inn Resort and Spa offers elegant rooms, dining and spa treatments to visitors at this majestic 88-year-old resort that has recently been renovated and expanded. The resort is holding a block of rooms at a discounted rate starting at \$229. Reservations can be made online at www.groveparkinn.com using the **SDRME group number 6812UP**. Alternatively, you may call 1-800-438-5800 or use the reservation request form posted on the SDRME website. The final date for assuring that you can reserve a room and receive the reduced rate is Wednesday, May 21, 2008.

I look forward to seeing you at Grove Park Inn in July. The executive committee believes that this meeting represents an opportunity to benefit from the wisdom of great colleagues in a beautiful location.

Sincerely,



Elaine F. Dannefer, Ph.D.
Chair Elect SDRME Executive Committee

*A recent NY Times article provides a guide to activities in the Asheville area:
<http://travel.nytimes.com/2007/09/30/travel/30hours.html?ref=todayspaper>