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Dear colleagues:

Today, the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) Board of Directors announces that the SSWR 21st Annual Conference, January 11-15, 2017, "Ensure Healthy Development for all Youth" has changed venue from the San Francisco Marriott Marquis in San Francisco, CA, to the New Orleans Marriott in New Orleans, LA. Please note the dates of the conference and the scientific programming remains unchanged.

The change in venue was precipitated by a request from the San Francisco Marriott Marquis to work with SSWR in the allocation of meeting room space. Since there will be a city-wide conference in San Francisco that overlaps with the SSWR 2017 conference, SSWR's meeting space at the San Francisco Marriott Marquis would have been constrained. Furthermore, hotel guest room rates at overflow hotels would have been at a premium. After considering several options to stay in San Francisco, we worked with our Marriott partners to reach a mutually beneficial agreement and changed the venue to the New Orleans Marriott. Please note that the SSWR conference will return to San Francisco in 2019 and 2021 when we will be at the Hilton San Francisco Union Square.

The new venue, the New Orleans Marriott, was the venue of the SSWR 2015 conference for which we received positive feedback regarding the hotel, meeting space, guest rooms, and surrounding neighborhood restaurants and attractions. The New Orleans Marriott guest room rate will be \$185 plus tax as compared to \$189 plus tax at the San Francisco Marriott Marquis.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. SSWR and Marriott have a long standing partnership that will ensure this change of venue will provide attendees with the best conference experience possible.

Thank you and we hope to see you in New Orleans!

Best regards,

James Herbert Williams, PhD, MSW  
President  
SSWR Board of Directors