

General Conference Information

Idaho State University School of Nursing and the Rural Nurse Organization are co-sponsoring the 20th anniversary conference of the Rural Nurse Organization, June 4-5, 2009, in Boise, ID. The 5th International Rural Nursing Conference will explore the theme:

“QUALITY: THE RURAL NURSE PERSPECTIVE”

The Conference features:

Clairann Weinert PhD, RN, FAAN presents the keynote on Quality
Plenary Speakers
Concurrent sessions with presentations focus on Bedside, Administration,
Education and Research Focus
The Rural Nurse Organization Awards Luncheon
Exhibit Hall
Poster Presentations

Conference Registration

Conference registrations are currently being accepted via email, fax or U.S. Mail. Your full conference registration fee includes access to the Opening and Closing Sessions, Lunch, and all the Concurrent Sessions, and unlimited entry to the Exhibit Hall. Registration information is available by clicking [here](#).

Invited Speakers



The Opening Session will be on Thursday, June 4 at 9 a.m. This year's keynote speaker, **Clairann Weinert SC, PhD, RN, FAAN**, professor at Montana State University is a long time rural health researcher and a fellow of the American Academy of Nursing and the Western Institute of Nursing. She is a state, national and international leader in nursing.

Plenary Speakers



Angeline Bushy PhD, RN, FAAN holds the Bert Fish Endowed Chair, University of Central Florida, School of Nursing. She is a well known rural nursing researcher and author of many articles and the following books. *Exploring Rural Medicine: Current Issues and Concepts*, *Rural Nursing*, *Special Populations in the Community: Advances in Reducing Health Disparities*, and *Orientation to Nursing in the Rural Community*.



Pamela Stewart-Fahs , DSN, RN holds the Decker Endowed Chair of Rural Health Nursing. At Binghamton, New York. She is a well known researcher and author of rural women's heart health



Jeri Dunkin PhD, RN, holds the Saxon Chair for Rural Nursing, Director of Practice and Community Partnerships. She leads the Capstone Rural Health Center in Walker County Alabama and works to improve rural mental health services.

Continuing education credit

Idaho State University has applied for status as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. Participants can earn up to 9 accredited nursing contact hours for the conference.

Registration

The registration fee includes a syllabus, lunch, and break refreshments. Please see the registration form for more information. Pre-registration is preferred. Late registrations will be accepted on a space available basis. Idaho State University and the Rural Nurse Organization reserve the right to cancel this event.

Visit www.rno.org to register or find more information about the conference by calling 208-282-2982.

Lodging

Rooms have been reserved for conference participants and their guests at the Doubletree-Riverside, 2900 Chinden Boulevard, Boise, ID at a rate of \$99 plus tax per night. The rates listed are in effect for 2 days before and after the conference based on availability. To ensure accommodations, please make your reservation by **May 1, 2009**. Reservation requests received after this date will be accepted on a space available basis. Call the Doubletree Toll Free: 1-800-222-8733.

<http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/BOIR-DT-RNC-20090603/index.jhtml>.

About the sponsors

The Rural Nurse Organization was created by rural nurses twenty years ago in Spokane Washington. Since then nurses from around the world have joined together to advocate for the specialty practice, study the issues and improve the health of rural populations.

The Idaho State University School of Nursing within the Kasiska College of Health Professions offers baccalaureate and masters degrees. The distance education based masters degree has four options: Clinical Nurse Leader, Education, Clinical Nurse Specialist, and Family Nurse Practitioner. The Office of Professional Development within the school offers both customized and standardized programs to develop a competent, efficient and effective nursing workforce. The Northwest Rural Nurse Residency supported by HRSA offers a yearlong transition program to new rural nurse employees.

Posters

All conference participants are welcome to contribute poster abstracts until April 30, 2009. See the "call for abstracts" for information about the submission process. Posters accepted for presentation will be placed in the exhibit hall and a 5 minute summary of content will be made during one of the concurrent sessions.

Accepted posters will be set up from 7-9 am the day assigned by program staff on bulletin boards in the exhibit hall.

More information

Contact the Idaho State University School of Nursing's Office of Professional Development. 921 S. 8th Ave. Stop 8101. Email: NurseOPD@isu.edu or Phone 208-282-2982. Conference registration information can be found at www.rno.org.

Conference planning committee

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