



**TUESDAY 27 OCTOBER**

ECDC Breakfast starts at 7:00 Program: 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM

## **BUILDING AN INDIVIDUAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (IDP)**

The Early Career Development Course is a perennial favorite developed by the ACRM Early Career Networking Group. It provides an ideal venue for connecting with seasoned professionals who can answer your questions and guide you on your path to success.

With particular focus on career development issues relevant to early career researchers, this program comprises didactic presentation, panel discussion, one-on-one networking, and small group discussions.

### **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

#### **Kenneth Ottenbacher, PhD, OTR, FACRM**

will kick-off the course with *“Making Science: Characteristics of Successful Scholars”*

Dr. Ottenbacher holds the Russell Shearn Moody Distinguished Chair in Neurological Rehabilitation at the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB), where he is professor and director of the Division of Rehabilitation Sciences; director of the Center for Recovery, Physical Activity and Nutrition; and associate director for the Sealy Center on Aging.



### **MAKING SCIENCE: CHARACTERISTICS OF SUCCESSFUL SCHOLARS**

The goal of the presentation is to provide information to early career scholars that will be helpful to them in “making science” and developing their academic and professional careers. The lecture will include a combination of personal experiences and anecdotes along with information from the literature on the following topics:

- ◆ Importance of knowledge in a content area
- ◆ Attaining methodological skills
- ◆ Understanding institutional values
- ◆ The role of mentorship and being socialized into an academic role
- ◆ Maintaining productive collaborations
- ◆ Establishing priorities
- ◆ Functioning in a supportive environment

Successful scholars all become successful in different ways. The challenge is to find the path that fits your passion and personality on the journey to scholarly success.

EARLY CAREER  NETWORKING GROUP

### **NETWORK, ENGAGE, EXPLORE**

Early Career Networking Group Past Chair, Dawn Neumann, PhD and Amy Herrold, PhD will lead a lively series of team presentations called *Grab the Bull by the Horns and Steer Your Career in the Direction You Want*.



Enjoy two productive small group breakout sessions designed to help participants discuss and explore strategies to address common challenges, such as:

- ◆ Balancing values, passions, and vision
- ◆ Aligning professional goals with the goals of your institution
- ◆ Time management
- ◆ Tackling last year’s challenges
- ◆ Setting personal goals and work/life integration

No career development course for researchers would be complete without discussion of funding opportunities. This year, get the news you can use from a panel of funders and then hear from a second panel of successfully funded early career research fellows.

**EARLY BIRD SPECIAL:** ONLY \$295 before 30 July. INCLUDES: breakfast, mentoring lunch & reception

### **EARLY CAREER RECEPTION**

**TUE 27 OCT // 5:00 PM – 7:45 PM**

The day will conclude with the Early Career Reception, providing more opportunities to network with funders, course presenters, and colleagues in a casual setting. Enjoy a warm welcome from ACRM President, Dr. Sue Ann Sisto and members of the ACRM Board of Governors and meet leaders of the ACRM interdisciplinary special interest and networking groups. Mingle, learn and discover ACRM communities that best align with your interests.



more: [www.ACRM.org/ecdc](http://www.ACRM.org/ecdc)