Come join your SGIM colleagues in Celebrating Generalism at the Annual Meeting in Denver, Colorado, April 24-27, 2013! We will kick-off the celebration with an opening plenary session featuring the presidential address by Ann Nattinger, MD, MPH, MACP, professor of medicine and chief of general internal medicine at the Medical College of Wisconsin. To celebrate the diversity of scholarship presented at the national meeting, the opening plenary session will also showcase one top-rated submission (by peer review) in each of four submission categories: scientific abstract, innovation in medical education, clinical practice innovation, and clinical vignette.

There was a record-high number of outstanding submissions this year, ensuring that the 2013 annual meeting will be a terrific place to see cutting-edge discovery and innovation in clinical practice, research, education, and policy. We are also extremely honored to have an outstanding group of plenary speakers, including Peterson Lecturer Wayne Riley, MD, MPH, MBA, MACP, president and chief executive officer of Meharry Medical College; Richard Baron, MD, MACP, group director of Seamless Care Models, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovations; and Catherine Lucey, MD, vice dean for education at the University of California, San Francisco, School of Medicine.

Check out the preliminary program online (http://www.sgim.org/meetings/annual-meeting/schedule). Make the most of your time at the meeting by using the meeting tracks to identify workshops, symposia, updates, abstracts, innovations, and poster sessions in your area of interest. For our students, residents, and fellows, there is a track of helpful sessions, including “Pathways to Careers in Academic Internal Medicine” and “Negotiating Your first Dream Job.”

We are pleased to announce a new type of session this year, the “VignDate.” SGIM meeting attendees have told us that they would like to see more core clinical content at the meeting, so we’ve created the VignDate—a combination of clinical vignettes and clinical updates. VignDate sessions will include five clinical vignettes that share a common feature, followed by a short clinical update on the topic by a master clinician. We hope this will be an engaging way for attendees to share vignettes and review core clinical content within the same session.

Working on Maintenance of Certification (MOC)? The annual meeting can help. Sign up for American Board of Internal Medicine MOC modules on Wednesday, April 24. Review core material, and get MOC points.

If you’re like us, a highly valued aspect of the annual meeting is the opportunity to network with colleagues, meet new people, and catch up with friends. Great venues for this include the one-on-one mentoring program (as mentor or mentee), SGIM’s numerous interest groups, the mentoring and career development panels (including the second annual “parenting panel,” which is back by popular demand), and the guided poster sessions. Be sure to also take advantage of designated “networking space” set aside throughout the meeting just for this purpose.

See you at the Celebration!