

# SERMACS 2018

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The local organizing committee welcomes Dr. Simona Murph as the SERMACS 2018 Awards Chair. Dr. Murph will be serving on the joint SERMACS, Inc. Awards committee for the years 2017 – 2019 to provide continuity in the administration of the awards program between yearly meetings. She will also become a member of the SERMACS 2018 Executive Committee.

Dr. Chris Bannochie , SERMACS 2018 General Co-Chair, recently provided a status update to the SERMACS Steering Committee in Columbia, SC and obtained approval of the preliminary meeting budget. In the next couple weeks, Michelle Stevenson, manager of the ACS Office of Regional Meetings, will make a site visit to the Augusta Marriott at the Convention Center, which will host SERMACS 2018. She will also be meeting with the Executive Organizing Committee to brief us on items that need to be accomplished in the next two years.

November 4 – 6, Dr. Tad Whiteside and Dr. Chris Bannochie will participate in the Regional Meeting Planning Conference (RMPC) at ACS Headquarters in Washington, DC. The conference brings together general chairs for upcoming regional meetings being held over the next 2-3 years. Dr. Whiteside will also be giving a presentation on structuring the regional board's finances to the Joint Regional Boards Meeting being held concurrently with RMPC. Dr. Bannochie will also address this group and make a presentation on branding the regional meetings.

Dr. Rob Lascola and Dr. Mike Bronikowski, SERMACS 2018 Program Co-Chairs are making progress filling out the symposia schedule and soliciting plenary speakers for the meeting. Anyone interested in joining the program committee for the meeting should contact Rob or Mike.

Dr. Krissy Zeigler, SERMACS 2018 Education Chair, is developing the high school, undergraduate, and teacher programs for the meeting. Members of the section interested in these programs that would like to assist should contact her with your ideas. If you have sponsor or exhibitor suggestions, see our website for additional sponsor benefit information and Exposition registration forms. The website is also a place to learn more about SERMACS 2018 as the meeting progresses, it can be found at: [www.SERMACS2018.org](http://www.SERMACS2018.org) or you can write us at [SERMACS2018@srs.gov](mailto:SERMACS2018@srs.gov).