



## **ARCS® Foundation National Annual Meeting**

September 17-20, 2014

### **“Peak Experience: Cutting Edge Science in the Wasatch”**

The 2014 ARCS Foundation National Annual Meeting will be held this fall from September 17<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> in Salt Lake City. We will be staying at the elegant Grand America Hotel in the vibrant heart of the city. One of the most accessible downtowns in any big city, Salt Lake City combines the character of the old with the vitality of the new.

Our meeting will kick off with an opening reception on Wednesday evening at The Point on the top floor of the Huntsman Cancer Institute at the University of Utah overlooking the beautiful Salt Lake valley. You will have the option of dining with friends at the restaurant of your choice. Utah cuisine has never been tastier, as Salt Lake restaurants offer world-class dining.

Thursday will include workshops, the ARCS Light Luncheon and an early dinner at the hotel. We will then have the unique opportunity to attend the Mormon Tabernacle Choir rehearsal in the historic Tabernacle on Temple Square that evening.

On Friday morning we will be welcomed by the President of the University of Utah, followed by our keynote speaker, Governor Gary Herbert.

Heeding the Governor’s challenge to support science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education, businesses in Utah have stepped up and are launching a more than \$2 million media campaign to increase interest in STEM education. “STEM jobs are the jobs of Utah’s future,” said Governor Gary Herbert. “Whether students plan to work in a STEM career or not, they will need science, technology, engineering and math skills to be successful.”

Following the Governor’s remarks, we will have the benefit of hearing from Dr. Chris Johnson and Dr. Nassir Marrouche from the University of Utah. Dr. Marrouche has dedicated his career to developing innovative research and clinical practices to advance patient care, diagnosis and treatment of heart arrhythmias. In 2006 he created the Comprehensive Arrhythmia Research and Management Center (CARMA) at the University. Dr. Johnson is the founding director of the Scientific Computing and Imaging

Institute (SCI) at the University of Utah. His current research includes scientific visualization and computing, image analysis and scientific software environments.

Friday afternoon will be open for a variety of optional tours. On Friday evening we will have a dinner party at The Leonardo Science and Technology Museum where we can relax and enjoy the company of our ARCS members and friends from around the country.

Saturday morning we will cap off our meeting with a tour of the Natural History Museum of Utah at the Rio Tinto Center. It is an architectural marvel and a case study in “green” design created by community generosity.

Yes, we have changed the timing of our Annual Meeting. We listened to the feedback from our member survey and have scheduled it in the fall to avoid conflicts with weddings and graduations. We think you will enjoy the modification.

You will be receiving your registration information in June so please put the dates on your calendar now. We are very excited to be taking you to the beautiful Wasatch mountains!

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